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US rejects offer to swap hostages for warplanes

WASHINGTON, Oct 19, (AP) — An official in President Reagan's administration says Iran offered to secure the release of four American hostages in Lebanon in exchange for 16 US-built fighter jets owned by Chile, but Secretary of State George Shultz rejected the deal.

Confirming the substance but not the specifics of an ABC-TV report, the official said last night: "We turned it off definitely, in Santiago, in Israel and here."

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, called the proposal "one example of many in the last few years of people offering deals."

Another US official, who also demanded anonymity, said "it is correct there was an deal, but there was any US government interest. The United States did not and does not discuss deals for hostages."

The deal, which in its original form would have bypassed the US government, contemplated sending the F5 jets in pieces by ship officially in Thailand but in reality in Iran for \$170 million.

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Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 79 per cent
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SOON



Five survive in Ahmedabad while all 34 perish in Gauhati

2 Indian airliners crash killing 164

AHMEDABAD, Oct 19, (Agencies) — An Indian Airlines Boeing 737 crashed in thick fog today, killing 130 people, officials said. About an hour later, a propeller plane leased from Indian Airlines crashed in heavy rain, and all 34 aboard were feared dead.

Five survivors were pulled from the burning wreckage of the Boeing 737 after it hit a tree and a power line and exploded while trying to land at Ahmedabad airport, 800 kilometres (500 miles) southwest of New Delhi. The twin-engine jet was carrying 129 passengers and a six-member crew from Bombay to Ahmedabad.

Message

Airport police inspector G.K. Rawal said the plane made more than one attempt to land in heavy fog and that it lost contact with the airport control tower about a minute before crashing at 7:40 am (0210 GMT).



Investigators examine the wreckage of the Indian Airlines Boeing which crashed outside Ahmedabad airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

Otaji Thakor, owner of a field where the plane crashed, said the plane whizzed before it hit the tree and power line. It exploded about a mile (1.6 kilometres) from the runway, said Mammoohan Singh, Ahmedabad police director.

Gesture of goodwill in peace talks

Iraq offers prisoner exchange

MANAMA, Oct 19, (Agencies) — Iraq offered to exchange prisoners with Iran, as a gesture of goodwill in deadlocked Gulf war peace talks, the Qatari News Agency reported today.

In Tehran, meanwhile, Iranian strongman Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, describing chemical weapons as the poor man's atomic bomb, called on the Iranian leadership today to "at least consider" producing them for defensive purposes.

Inhuman

"Although the use of such weapons is inhuman, the war taught us that international laws are only drops of ink on paper," Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Rafsanjani as saying.

"Iraq has agreed to register and exchange prisoners of war with Iran, if Tehran does the same," the agency, quoting part of a message which Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations Esmat Kattan delivered to UN

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York earlier this week said.

The agency said Iraq agreed to the prisoner exchange after receiving a proposal from the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross.

Iraqi officials, confirming their country's defensive posture after Baghdad brushed aside Iranian offers earlier this week to break stalled peace talks, said the move was intended only as a gesture of goodwill.

"This is not a concession," an Iraqi diplomat told United Press International. "It is only a gesture of goodwill."

Accused

There was no immediate response to the offer from Iran, which has pressed hard for a resumption in UN-sponsored peace talks, stalled for eight weeks because of a dispute over the strategic Shatt Al Arah waterway.

Both sides hold an estimated:

100,000 prisoners from the eight-year conflict, and their release is a basic premise of UN Resolution 598, calling for a permanent end to the conflict.

Iraq and Iran have already released several hundred sick, wounded, elderly or crippled prisoners. But the majority remain in prisoner-of-war camps, and a large number are unregistered with the Red Cross.

Both sides have accused each other of mistreating and even torturing prisoners of war to death.

The Iraqi move came after Baghdad rejected an Iranian offer to jointly clear the disputed Shatt Al Arah waterway of mines and sunken ships.

Foreign Undersecretary Nizar Hamdoun said Iran was trying to "pressure" Iraq into giving up its claim to sovereignty over the waterway.

Baghdad insists it should have complete sovereignty over the waterway. (Continued on Page 2)

Winners for physics, chemistry named

Americans, Germans share Nobel prizes

STOCKHOLM, Oct 19, (Reuters) — Three Americans shared the 1988 Nobel physics prize today for research into the basic structure of matter and three West Germans won the chemistry prize for unlocking secrets of photosynthesis, the reaction that nourishes life on earth.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the \$400,000 physics prize to Leon Lederman, Melvin Schwartz and Jack Steinberger for work on the neutrino — "ghostlike constituents of matter."

Energy

It gave the chemistry prize to Johann Deisenhofer, Robert Huber and Hartmut Michel for unravelling the structure of proteins that cause photosynthesis — the process by which light from the sun is converted into chemical energy used as nutrition by all animals and plants.

Huber, 51, and Michel, 40, work in different branches of the Max Planck Institute in West Germany. The institute has provided several previous Nobel prize winners, including Albert Einstein.

Deisenhofer, 45, works at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Dallas, Texas.

Bo Malmstrom, professor at Gauthenburg University and chairman of the chemistry prize committee, called their discoveries a first step towards solving the world's energy shortage.

"The discovery is very important because photosynthesis is the most important chemical reaction on earth and a prerequisite for all higher living organisms," he said.

"In the long run we will need the sun if we are going to solve the world's energy crisis. This discovery is a first step towards creating an artificial photosynthesis which would help us to that."

Malmstrom said the breakthrough could also prove important in respiratory research and studies about nerve impulses and membranes in general.

Deisenhofer, who called the award "the pinnacle" of his career, said in Dallas that "I will continue working on this problem. The research is not yet finished."

The academy said the breakthrough came in 1982, when Michel succeeded in transforming membrane-like proteins, which play a key part in photosynthesis, into crystals. (Continued on Page 2)

PLO wants state to 'co-exist with Jews'

BEIRUT, Oct 19, (Reuters) — PLO leader Yasser Arafat was quoted today as saying Palestinians wanted a democratic state where they could live together with Jews.

"We admit that two million Jews are living in our land and we are offering them a democratic state so that we can live together," Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, told the Lebanese weekly Assayad magazine.

He said the Palestine National Council (PNC) — the Palestinian parliament-in-exile — would meet by the end of October in Algiers to discuss declaring a Palestinian state.

The PLO leader predicted that any Palestinian state would be a member of the Non-aligned Movement with its own Army and policy. "It would be a sovereign state."

Consider

The PNC meeting will also consider the possibility of calling for international protection for Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arafat added.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir vowed yesterday to crush the Palestinian uprising in the territories if his right-wing Likud Bloc wins Israel's general election on Nov 1. (Continued on Page 2)

as saying before the crash. The message indicated the pilot was preparing to land. The altitude, 1,700 feet, is about 550 metres.

One survivor, Parag Vasavda, 28, said the pilot told passengers that he was having difficulty landing due to fog. Then, Vasavda said, there was an explosion, followed by a second blast.

"Afterward, the plane broke apart," said Vasavda, who was thrown from the plane while still strapped in his seat.

Malfunction

Patil ordered an investigation and said the government would pay 200,000 rupees (about \$14,085) to the victims' families. He refused to speculate on the cause, and said he had not ruled out sabotage.

An airline official said on condition of not being identified that authorities suspected technical malfunction complicated by the weather caused the crash. He said they did not suspect sabotage.

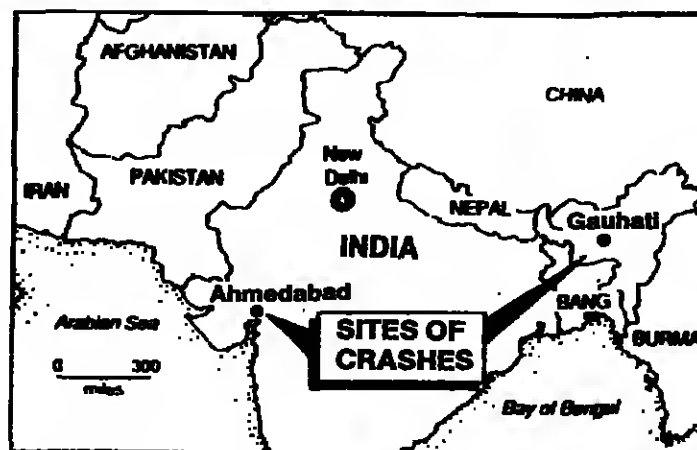
Five people were taken to hospitals, Rawal said. Three survivors were in serious condition with second-degree burns. But all were expected to live, he said.

Vinod Tripathy, another survivor, said the plane exploded in the air and again after crashing. He said he was burned in the second blast.

"I am, even at the age of 57, run like a hare," Tripathy was quoted as telling the Press Trust of India news agency from his bed at a civil hospital. "I continued to run, undeterred by the two blasts and later, after covering a reasonable distance, fell unconscious."

The passenger manifest indicated the victims included six foreigners — two Japanese, three Germans and an industrialist from Bahrain. One was from West Germany, but it was unclear where the other two Germans were from.

"All 130 bodies have been recovered. It's impossible to (Continued on Page 2)



7 Israelis killed in S. Lebanon blast

TYRE, Oct 19, (AP) — A car bomb exploded today near a border crossing in South Lebanon killing at least seven Israelis and wounding 11 others travelling in an Army convoy, security sources reported.

They said the bomb-laden vehicle was parked some 200 metres (650 feet) from the "Good Fence" border point and was detonated by remote control.

United Nations sources in South Lebanon confirmed that a powerful explosion occurred 1:30 pm (1130 GMT), destroying four Israeli jeeps.

"There apparently are some casualties since there are ambulances in the area," one UN source said.

The other security sources, insisting on not being identified further, said two Israeli helicopter gunships later began airlifting casualties from the border village of Kfar Kila.

Other gunships were seen strafing the fields around the scene of the blast, apparently to protect the rescue mission from possible guerrilla attacks.

Denied

Meanwhile, Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun, head of the Christian military cabinet in a dual government, has denied Muslim charges that he is blocking a solution to Lebanon's month-old constitutional crisis.

Aoun's rival, acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss, a Sunni Muslim, and outgoing Parliament Speaker Hussein Housseini, a Shi'ite Muslim, charged he is an obstacle to electing a new president.

Security sources said four leftist militias were ordered to prepare for possible clashes with the hardline Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia in case the Christians took military action to end the political impasse.

Pledge to protect Pakistani polls

ISLAMABAD, Oct 19, (AP) — Pakistan's chief election commissioner vowed today to block any attempts to interfere with nationwide polls scheduled for mid-November.

Justice S.A. Nusrat announced that a total of 1,371 candidates from some 30 political parties had been approved to contest 207 seats in the National Assembly Nov 16.

However, the two main contenders are the Pakistan Muslim League of former Prime Minister Muhammad Khan Junejo and the Pakistan People's Party of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

Asked how he would handle any attempt to rig the polls, Nusrat said by telephone from Karachi: "I will not allow any official interference during the election (campaign) and on polling day, however high an official or officer he may be."

Several parties, including the PPP, have voiced fears that Pakistan's caretaker government, dominated by loyalists of late President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq, might use its influence to undue advantage in the national polls and four provincial assembly elections scheduled for Nov 19.

Zia fired Junejo's PML government last May but reappointed several of his best proteges to the federal and provincial caretaker cabinets.

About half of them are running on the PML ticket in upcoming polls.



Sheikh Sabah returns to Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct 19, (KUNA) — Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah returned home today from New York after taking part in the 43rd General Assembly session of the United Nations.

During his stay in New York, Sheikh Sabah followed up international reactions to the speech delivered by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah at the UN General Assembly on Sept 28 in his capacity as the President of the Fifth Summit of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

Sheikh Sabah also held talks with heads of delegations taking part in the UN session, particularly on the proposal of the Amir which dealt with economic co-operation between the North and South with the aim of improving the delicate economic situation of the developing countries.

The foreign ministers of the Group of 77 and the Non-aligned Movement during their meetings in New York expressed their complete satisfaction over the proposal.

Sheikh Sabah urged the UN secretary general to continue using his good offices to realise security and stability in the Gulf region.

He emphasised during his meetings with foreign ministers of brotherly and friendly countries the need for all-out support for the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

9 killed in Kabul rocket attack

KABUL, Oct 19, (AP) — A rocket fired by rebel guerrillas today killed nine people and injured 17 outside Kabul airport, Afghan security officials said.

They said the victims were among a crowd inside a tent, waiting to board an Ariana Afghan Airlines flight bound for Tashkent and Moscow.

Two Soviet women and a Soviet girl about two years old were among those killed, according to an officer of Sarandny, an Afghan paramilitary force entrusted with airport security. The other people killed were Afghans, he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

One of the injured victims was a Soviet citizen, and the rest were Afghans, he added.

The rocket was one of 21 that hit the airport grounds between 9:25 am and 3 pm, the officer said. No one was injured by the other rockets, but some windows were broken in airport buildings.

The Sarandny officer said some of the rockets landed in areas of the airport used by Soviet troops but he could not give any details.

All civilian flights out of the airport were cancelled for the remainder of today and for tomorrow, he said. Afghan and Soviet forces, who base helicopters and transport planes at the same airport, continued to take off and land.

Yugoslav leaders propose sweeping changes in Communist Party ranks

BELGRADE, Oct. 19. (Reuters): Yugoslavia's Communist Party leaders today proposed the most sweeping reshuffle in the party's upper ranks since the communists took power in 1945.

Party leader Stipe Suvar said the ruling Politburo was proposing the removal of one-third of the 165 members of the policy-making central committee.

Addressing the committee on the third day of a crisis session in Belgrade, Suvar said: "This is not a question of any kind of purge."

Extract

The central committee was due later today to vote on the proposal, designed to help extract Yugoslavia from growing ethnic turmoil and economic disarray.

Suvar said the Politburo

proposed that the new central committee members be chosen over the next month and a half. He said most new members should be economic managers and scientific specialists.

Party officials said earlier that up to one-third of the 23-member Politburo was also likely to be changed.

Suvar, an outspoken advocate of communist unity, said yesterday party chiefs were determined to end mounting disputes between Serbs, the largest Yugoslav nationality, and ethnic Albanians in the autonomous southern province of Kosovo.

Militant Serbs want to regain political control of Kosovo, which became an autonomous part of Serbia in 1974 and where Serbian nationalists accuse

Albanians of persecuting them. Discussing the possible introduction of emergency measures to protect the state, Suvar said: "Nobody wants them. However, if we entered a situation where we have to defend the constitutional system from destruction, we would be compelled to apply them, as any country would do."

State President Raif Dizdarevic said earlier this month federal authorities might impose a state of emergency to save the multi-national state from disintegration.

He issued his warning after clashes between paramilitary police and thousands of demonstrators seeking to topple the leaders of the republic of Montenegro.

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identify them because they are badly hurt," said Ahmedabad police inspector A. Ansari.

State-run television in a special news bulletin showed rescue workers searching the blood-stained debris, twisted luggage and smoldering wreckage scattered among the downed electrical wires and power poles.

Gauhati

The Fokker Friendship propeller plane crashed in heavy rain on a flight from Silchar to Gauhati in Assam state, officials said.

It lost contact with the Gauhati control tower at 8:53 am (0323 GMT) and crashed two minutes later about eight kilometres (five miles) from the airport, said C. Das, deputy commissioner of Gauhati district.

Shortly before the plane lost contact, he said, the pilot radioed that visibility was zero.

The 31 passengers and three crew members were feared dead, Das said. Rescue workers had been sent to the area some 1,550 kilometres (950 miles) east of New Delhi, but failed to reach the site because of dense forests and heavy rain, he said. They would try again tomorrow, he said.

The plane, built in 1958, was operated by the domestic carrier Vayudoot and leased from Indian Airlines.

Vayudoot operations manager A.K. Malhotra said there was no indication what caused the crash.

Rescue

Officials in Gauhati said efforts to reach the crash site on a forested hillside 20 km (12 miles) away were being hampered by bad weather and difficult terrain.

Only one rescue helicopter had been able to land at the site so far, they said. Other rescue workers were making their way over poor mountain roads.

Indian Airlines, the domestic carrier, has come under criticism recently for its management and maintenance record and frequent delays. Today's crash was the 16th by an Indian Airlines carrier in the past 25 years.

It was believed to be the worst Indian Airlines crash, but officials refused to confirm this.

"Any loss is bad. All crashes are the worst and most unfortunate," said A.K. Vashist, an Indian Airlines spokesman in New Delhi.

The aircraft, acquired in 1971, is one of the oldest in the airline's 50-plane fleet. Indian Airlines is a separate company from India's international carrier, Air India.

Democrats fighting hard

Bush has no convictions : Dukakis

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (AP): Democrat Michael Dukakis lashed at front-running George Bush as a man with "no convictions, no ideas and no plans" yesterday and blamed last year's stock market crash on policies practiced during Bush's time as Vice President.

Bush, meanwhile, tried to contain supporters' enthusiasm over polls showing him building a large lead.

"We're not going to lighten up," he said at a campaign appearance. "I will continue to campaign as an underdog."

There was no question that Dukakis was the real underdog. But he drew enthusiastic crowds as he campaigned yesterday, with aides bating the growing perception that Bush had taken an insurmountable lead with just three weeks until the Nov 8 election.

Dukakis focused on economic issues and portrayed Bush as the candidate of the wealthy.

Care

"George Bush cares about the people on easy street," Dukakis said. "I care about the people on main street. He's on their side. I'm on your side."

Dukakis also brought up the huge stock-market drop that occurred one year ago today.

"The trade deficit had soared," he said. "Republican policies of borrow and spend and borrow and spend had done the damage."

He pledged to eliminate the \$150 billion trade deficit in four years by putting more emphasis on research. He said Bush wouldn't talk about his plans.

"He's got the flags and balloons, but no convictions, no

ideas and no plans," Dukakis said.

The Democrat's aides disputed an NBC-Wall Street Journal poll showing Bush with a 17-point lead, his largest of the campaign. They pointed instead to other polls indicating about half that margin.

Bush yesterday invoked the memory of Winston Churchill at the Westminster college where Churchill delivered his 1946 "iron curtain" speech warning of Soviet expansionism in Eastern Europe.

Realism

Bush said the demarcation between East and West is now "a rusting curtain." He said that if elected he would be wary of Soviet intentions, despite what he called more enlightened leadership under Mikhail Gorbachev.

Americans, Germans share ...

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The physics prize committee said the work of Lederman, Schwartz and Steinberger had removed key obstacles to further research into weak forces — one of nature's four basic forces.

Lederman, 66, is director of the Fermi National Laboratory in Batavia near Chicago. Schwartz, 55, a former professor at Columbia and Stanford Universities, runs his own computer communications company in Mountain View, California.

Steinberger, 67, works at the laboratories of the European Nuclear Research Centre (CERN) near Geneva.

The research is part of "discovering the kind of world in which we live. The world is made up of particles. All we want to know is how the world works," Lederman said from his home near Chicago.

"In 1961 we discovered a neutrino — a basic particle, a most difficult one to see, because it has no electric charge. It's like the little fly up there on the wall," Lederman said.

Physics prize committee chairman Gosta Ekspong said their work, which originated in a flash of inspiration during a coffee break at Columbia University in the 1960s, had led to new understandings about the basic makeup of matter.

Heavy rains

ANKARA, Oct. 19. (Reuters): Nine people were killed today when heavy rain swept eastern areas of Turkey, destroying buildings and cotton fields, officials said.

Weathermen said more rain was on the way in areas near Turkey's borders with the Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Testing South African assurance

Runaway prisoners walk to freedom

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 19. (Reuters): Three South African political prisoners walked to freedom today after a five-week sit-in at the US consulate in Johannesburg.

The runaway anti-apartheid activists, Murphy Morobe, Mohammed Valli and Vusi Khanyile, announced they were testing a government assurance that they would not be re-arrested.

Armed police watched the trio leave the consulate's 11th floor offices but made no attempt to detain or question them as they walked onto the pavements of central Johannesburg.

They were greeted by hundreds of jubilant supporters chanting "Amandla" (power) and spilling onto the streets.

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Sanctuary

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Morobe and Valli, prominent figures in South Africa's main anti-apartheid coalition, the United Democratic Front (UDF), had been in detention for 14 months.

Khanyile, chairman of the

national education crisis committee which campaigns against segregated schooling, had been held since Dec 1986.

For weeks, the trio refused to leave the consulate, saying Pretoria had broken its word in the past and could not be trusted to keep its pledge.

The deadlock was broken after jailed nationalist leader Nelson Mandela sent a message advising them to rejoin the grassroots anti-apartheid struggle, they told a news conference at Johannesburg's Witwatersrand University.

Banning

Dozens of South Africa's best-known anti-apartheid campaigners, some defying banning orders, turned up for an emotional reunion at the campus.

Morobe said at one stage Pretoria had given the three an offer of going into exile but Mandela had advised against this.

"We realised ourselves. The South African government did not release us," Morobe said.

The trio said the sit-in was mainly to highlight the plight of 1,300 government opponents still detained under a state of emergency imposed to quell black protest. Since the emergency was declared in June 1986, an estimated 30,000 people have been held without trial for varying periods.

Morobe said the group's major task now was to continue to fight for the release of other detainees.

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channel, which divides Iran and Iraq to the south, but Iran insists on implementation of the 1975 Algiers Accord, which gives it joint control over the Shatt Al Arab with Iraq.

Also in Baghdad, Iranian Mojahedin opposition leader Massoud Rajavi called on the ruling Iranian clergy today to release all political prisoners immediately.

Rajavi said the "medieval regime" of Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini had intensified domestic repression since the Aug ceasefire with mass arrests, torture and executions. Iranian Intelligence Minister Mohammad Mohammadi Reyshahri said his ministry and security council has drawn up plans for a nation-wide amnesty for members of "outlawed groups," the Iranian news agency IRNA reported today.

Reyshahri, responsible for internal security, said the amnesty to pardon dissidents had yet to be endorsed by political leaders.

"Now is not the time to abandon realism about what moves the Soviet Union," Bush said.

The Dukakis campaign dispatched dozens of workers from his national headquarters in Boston into the field, along with more than 1,300 new volunteers from Washington. The campaign said 60 per cent of the headquarters staff was being assigned to campaign duties in target states.

Among the other volunteers are students, congressional aides and Washington attorneys taking leaves for the final three weeks of the campaign.

Public polls ranged from bad to worse for Dukakis, though his aides pointed to what they said was a New Harris poll putting the gap at nine points. Two other surveys found similar Bush leads.

Ugandan plane crash toll rises to 32

ROME, Oct. 19. (UPI): The death toll of Monday's Uganda Airlines plane crash at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport rose to 32 today when a 27-year-old Ugandan man died in Rome's Sant'Eugenio Hospital.

Hospital officials identified the victim as Umuro Senyojo, 27, who suffered third degree burns on most of his body. He died shortly before 4 am (0300 GMT) today.

Seventeen of the remaining 20 survivors of the crash remain in Rome hospitals, several of them in very serious condition with severe burns and fractures.

Checked out

Geoffrey Gait, 31, of Bath, England, his wife Ruth, 26 and eight-month-old son Richard, checked out of the Sant'Eugenio Hospital late yesterday against the advice of doctors in order to return to England.

The Gait's were the only Europeans on the Uganda Airlines flight that crashed and burned at 12:31 am on Monday after hitting three low buildings while trying to land in thick fog at the Leonardo da Vinci international airport.

They suffered first and second degree burns on the arms and face, but managed to walk away from the Boeing 707 jetliner with Gait carrying his infant son.

PLO wants state to 'co-exist with Jews'

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Arafat warned Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin not to employ new kinds of weapons against demonstrators. Israeli troops shot and killed two Palestinian children in the West Bank yesterday.

Arafat said Palestinians would avoid using conventional weapons, such as firearms, against Israelis in the West Bank and Gaza Strip but the policy depended on future developments.

Shamir has warned Palestinians in the territories against using firearms in the uprising, saying none who did so would survive.

In Tel Aviv, two Israeli parliamentarians said today they had agreed with PLO officials in Belgrade a text explicitly recognising Israel's right to exist.

If confirmed by the PLO, it would be the first public document in which the movement accepted Israel's right to exist, said retired general Mattityahu Peled, of the leftist Progressive List for Peace (PLP).

Peled and fellow PLP parliamentarian Mohammed Miar issued the text at a news conference and said it would also be released by the PLO office in Belgrade.

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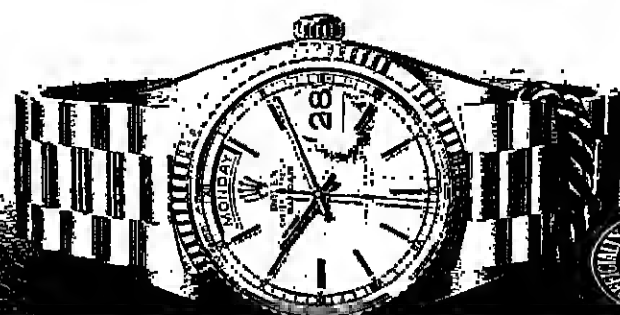
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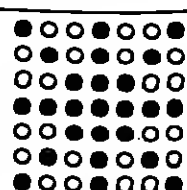
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Sales boom for novels of Mahfouz

CAIRO, Oct 19, (Reuters): Demand has surged for the novels of Nobel laureate Naguib Mahfouz both in the original Arabic and in translation, booksellers said today.

The American University in Cairo (AUC), which has foreign-language rights for the Egyptian writer's estimated 50 novels and short story collections, is enjoying a windfall.

Most bookshops sold out of Mahfouz's novels, which deal with life in the Egyptian capital, within two days of his winning the \$390,000 literature prize last Thursday.

"His works are selling like postage stamps. Demand has more than doubled since Thursday," said Sobhy Grace, owner of the Anglo-Egyptian Bookshop in central Cairo.

"We used to have tourists asking for guides and maps. Now they ask for Mahfouz," AUC officials said. They planned a quick reprint of 10 Mahfouz novels already translated into English and an American professor was translating his major work, the "Cairo Trilogy."

Before he won the prize, Mahfouz, 77, was well-known in Arab countries but his international reputation was limited to academic circles.

Eggs low in cholesterol on sale in US

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 19, (UPI): A California poultry farm says it has a secret formula for chicken feed that makes its eggs low in cholesterol and sodium, both of which are considered health hazards.

Rosemary Farm of Santa Maria began selling eggs on Tuesday that state officials confirm are 55 per cent lower in cholesterol and 23 per cent lower in sodium than their regular counterparts.

A large Grade-AA egg from Rosemary contains 125 milligrams of cholesterol, as opposed to 278 milligrams in a comparable normal egg, and 55 milligrams of sodium, compared with 70 milligrams in its regular counterpart, according to Paul May, general manager of the poultry farm.

May credited special secret formula chicken feed for the healthier eggs, which are being sold so far only along the central California coast.

"We have been working on this idea for 10 years, and I can tell you the low-sodium, low-cholesterol egg results from a special diet of the layers," May said in a telephone interview.

For obvious reasons — we're talking with our lawyers about a patent — I cannot tell you exactly what that diet is, but I can tell you it's all in the feed, and it's all good and clean."

Vietnam rejects UN Kampuchea resolution

BANGKOK, Oct 19, (Reuters): Vietnam has spurned a proposed United Nations resolution on Kampuchea as lacking measures to stop Khmer Rouge from taking power again if the decade-old conflict ends.

Hanoi Radio today quoted a Foreign Ministry statement as saying the resolution, drafted by the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) distorted the realities of Kampuchea.

"Vietnam's clear stance is that it cannot accept the ASEAN countries' draft resolution," said the radio, monitored in Bangkok.

Vietnam, which toppled the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge and set up a pro-Hanoi government after invading Kampuchea in December 1978, has rejected nine similar annual UN resolutions demanding its troops withdraw unconditionally.

Hanoi and Phnom Penh insist that the Khmer Rouge, now an ASEAN-backed guerrilla force and the main partner in UN recognised insurgent coalition, disband and that foreign aid to insurgents be stopped as part of any negotiated solution.

The Khmer Rouge is widely held responsible for the deaths of

up to one million people during its four-year rule.

"UN resolutions on the Kampuchean issue have not helped resolve this conflict. On the contrary they have created confrontation between South-East Asian Nations and the Kampuchean parties," said the Vietnamese statement.

Vietnam, which promised to withdraw its more than 100,000 troops from Kampuchea by early 1990, said the conflict "was being settled outside the UN framework."

The annual UN resolutions drafted by ASEAN members Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei are regularly passed overwhelmingly. Western diplomats said the same should apply to the 1988 resolution, due for debate on Nov 2.

Censure
This year ASEAN has for the first time included an indirect censure of the Khmer Rouge, saying Kampuchea should not return to "the universally condemned policies and practices of a recent past."

But the Vietnamese statement said: "The ASEAN countries' resolution fails to bring out the

profound concern and strong demand of the world public and many countries at the UN General Assembly that the (Khmer Rouge) be effectively prevented from returning to Kampuchea after the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops."

Vietnam, ASEAN, the Phnom Penh government and the guerrilla coalition began talks in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Monday on a possible solution in Kampuchea.

But the non-attendance of the Khmer Rouge, which dwarfs its two non-communist partners in the guerrilla coalition, virtually scuttled any chances of any useful results, diplomats said.

Meanwhile, US President Ronald Reagan on Tuesday signed with reservations a House resolution calling for the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea and establishment of a free and independent government in that country.

Reagan said he welcomed "this clear statement of principles" on Kampuchea, but he disagreed with certain clauses which he feared could complicate efforts to ensure that Khmer Rouge rebels never again attain power.

Roh moves forward for Korean peace

SEOUL, Oct 19, (Reuters): South Korean President Roh Tae-woo's peace overtures to North Korea at the United Nations met some of Pyongyang's stated conditions for reconciliation, diplomats analysts in Seoul said today.

The analysts said however that many obstacles remained on the road to Korean reunification, notably Northern President Kim Il-Sung's long-standing demands, not addressed in Roh's speech last night at the UN General Assembly, for withdrawal of all American troops and their nuclear weapons from the peninsula.

Summit

Roh, the first Korean leader to speak at the world body, made a series of dramatic gestures aimed at ending the tense military face-off between the two states which has lasted since the Korean war ended inconclusively in 1953.

Roh called for a summit meeting with President Kim as soon as possible to discuss a declaration of non-aggression, force reduction,

peaceful contacts and co-operative ventures with the long-term goal of reunifying the Korean peninsula, divided since the end of World War Two.

To help create a climate of trust, Roh pledged that "even before a non-aggression declaration is made... the Republic of (South) Korea will never use force first against the North."

To facilitate moves towards lasting peace in Northeast Asia, he proposed a six-power consultative conference grouping the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Japan and the two Koreas.

First North Korean reaction to Roh's speech was one of qualified welcome for the summit proposal.

A top official of Pyongyang's national peace committee told an international conference in the city today that Southern leaders must approach such talks "with an honest intention to solve (North-South differences) and realise the country's reunification."

Afghan party dissidents arrested

KABUL, Oct 19, (AP): Dissident members of Afghanistan's dominant Soviet-style party were arrested prior to a meeting of the party's leadership, an official source said today.

Other Afghan sources said the central committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan began its session this morning. Although no official announcement was made.

The arrests of an undisclosed number of party members also was announced last night on government television.

The session follows reports of disagreements among party leaders as the government seeks to reach a settlement with mujaheddin who have been fighting Afghan and Soviet forces for nearly a decade.

President Najib, the party's general secretary, and senior government officials have spoken repeatedly of broadening the base of the government in hopes of ending the war.

Hirohito vomits blood

TOKYO, Oct 19, (Reuters): Emperor Hirohito vomited blood today for the first time since he collapsed a month ago and was left almost speechless by a violent coughing fit, palace officials said.

Hirohito's fourth daughter, Atsuko Ikeda, said her father coughed so much during her visit this afternoon he was barely able

to speak.

The secretive Japanese imperial household has issued only terse statements about the deteriorating condition of the 87-year-old monarch hut palace spokesman Kenji Maeda said doctors feared the area where he is bleeding internally had spread.

Hirohito, the world's longest-reigning monarch, spat out a small amount of blood early today, possibly in his sleep, and doctors gave him a 200 cc transfusion.

The Emperor's retainers have said he has not been in pain and has not received painkillers.

Thousands stage rally in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Oct 19, (Reuters): Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets as thousands of demonstrators took part in widespread anti-government protests in Sri Lanka today, police said.

A senior military official said a six-hour curfew was imposed in the north-central town of Anuradhapura after stone-throwing demonstrators damaged at least six buses.

Colombo police said about 5,000 people marched through the suburb of Ratmalana demanding the government's resignation and the removal of 52,000 Indian troops sent to Sri Lanka to enforce a peace accord signed with India last year.

Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the protesters who damaged buses and police jeeps. Some policemen received minor injuries.

Port and railway workers in Colombo also joined the protests which disrupted train services.

Police said in several areas in southern Sri Lanka, banks government offices, factories and shops closed as employees joined street protests.

The military official said the protests were organised by the Marxist People's Liberation Front which has been blamed for more than 450 murders in its campaign against the India-Sri Lanka accord aimed at ending a Tamil separatist revolt.

He said the protesting workers were members of unions supported by the front.

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Amir reminds ministers of duty to serve citizens

KUWAIT, Oct. 19, (KUNA): HH the Amir today presided over a meeting for the ministers of services to review achievements and consider service requests from citizens. The requests were given to the Amir during his inspection tour last October.

The ministers submitted more requests to the Amir along with reports on their response to them.

The Amir also said overlapping of jurisdictions of ministers often make it impossible for a minister to shoulder the responsibility of an action that is not within his jurisdiction. The Amir demanded a solution to the problem as soon as possible.

The Amir stressed that the ministers and other officials at all levels should see for themselves what is going on in their ministries and not depend on reports presented to them by their aides. The Amir underlined that ministers should personally make sure of the seriousness of those reports and their outcome.

The Amir also urged the ministers to carry out inspection visits from time to time to make sure that citizens' transactions are being done satisfactorily. He said the state's employees have a duty to serve the citizens.

Punished

The Amir also called on the ministers to award sincere and prolific employees who serve the citizens actively and humbly. At

the same time offenders should be punished because an offence against citizens is an offence against the entire concerned ministry.

The Amir said it came to his knowledge that some employees, to avoid executing citizens' transactions, told citizens that they had supreme commands preventing them from providing the services.

In this case, the citizen should ask the employee who issued the instructions and not to take his words for granted, the Amir said.

"The employee's work is governed by laws and regulations and he has to abide by the law which he is responsible for its application," the Amir concluded.

Mubarak hails Amir's proposal

KUWAIT, Oct. 19, (KUNA): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has lauded the proposals made by HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah to relieve Third World debts.

"Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed has proved to be a statesman concerned with Third World issues, and we appreciate his feelings and sacrifices to ensure a smooth development process in Third World countries," Mubarak told the editor-in-chief of Al Rai Al Aam newspaper in an interview published today.

Mubarak pointed out that the importance of the Amir's proposals, made in his historic United Nations speech, lies in the fact that the package came from a creditor and not a debtor nation.

Discussing other economic concerns, Mubarak said he is particularly thankful to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for extending help to overcome Egypt's severe economic problems.

Mubarak stressed that Arab countries should achieve greater political co-ordination at the international level. But he played down the need for a common Arab military force on the grounds that this could be a divisive issue.

Recover

The Egyptian leader said his country will not relinquish its rights in the Red Sea beach strip to Taba, and is determined to recover full sovereignty over the Israeli-occupied territory, following an international verdict in favour of Egypt.

Mubarak warned that relations between Egypt and Israel will be at stake if Tel Aviv refuses to abide by the binding international arbitration ruling.

The president declined to favour either candidate in the Israeli general elections, "because this is purely a domestic issue left to the verdict of the Israeli citizens."

But he stressed that the next Israeli premier should convene an international peace conference.

ference to resolve the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Mubarak said he advised the Palestinian leadership to put off the declaration of an independent Palestinian state and provisional government until after the Israeli and American general elections because this will put them in a better position to decide whether or not to go ahead with their plans.

"We have to wait until time is on our side, we better thoroughly examine the international situation after the elections to increase chances of resolving the Palestinian cause," Mubarak went on.

The president said the PLO should make attractive peace proposals to win support not only from non-aligned countries, but traditionally pro-Israeli powers such as the US and Europe.

Mubarak said it is unlikely that 1989 will bear the hallmark of peace, unless Arab countries and the Zionist entity take practical and realistic steps to solve the dispute.

Commenting on the Lebanese crisis, Mubarak said Syria and all other foreign powers should keep their hands off Lebanon and let the Lebanese decide their future without foreign interference or pressure.

Relations

When asked about relations with Syria, Mubarak said he enjoys strong personal relations with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, but he was surprised by reports of mediations between Egypt and Syria, whose diplomatic ties were broken in 1979.

Mubarak categorically denied that moves are afoot to mend fences with Libya. He blamed this on "the irresponsible" Libyan behaviour including wholesale abuse campaigns against Cairo.

The Egyptian leader disclosed that he has spurned Algerian attempts to revive relations between the two North African Arab states because Algiers used "arms-twisting" methods.

Warning issued about illegal businesses

KUWAIT Municipality has warned citizens and expatriates against using their private residences to practice professions without official authorisation from the relevant government authorities, a local newspaper has reported.

The municipality circulated a statement yesterday saying that such unauthorised activities will be subject to legal procedures. The activities are hazardous to the people concerned because of the lack of proper governmental supervision.

The statement pointed out that inspection raids on suspect residences can be legally carried out by municipality agents that all equipment will be confiscated and proper legal actions will follow.

The statement also said that 30 houses have so far been raided and legal action taken against the owners.

Kuwait prepares for possible locust invasion

AN official source at Kuwait Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources was quoted as saying that the Authority has taken the necessary measures for fighting off locust swarms which may arrive in Kuwait.

The authority is co-ordinating its efforts with other authorities and is in touch with the regional offices of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) which will provide expertise in combating the menace.

He asked citizens and expatriates to call 4743782 if they see locusts in any area.

In a related development, Iraqi authorities have adopted an intensified preventive plan to protect Iraqi lands from the locust invasion, according to Iraqi Minister of Agriculture Kareem Hasan.

A higher committee has been formed to follow-up the activities of the working team which has been formed in the different areas of Iraq, the minister said.

Bahraini prince seeks stronger ties with Qatar

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

INFORMED sources said yesterday that the Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa may soon resume his shuttle visits between Bahrain and Qatar.

These visits are a continuation of his efforts to strengthen the ties between the two countries in preparation for the ninth GCC summit to be held in Manama in December this year.

The Gulf sources said that Sheikh Hamad was encouraged by the "realistic view" towards the issues between the two countries. This view was blessed by both the countries' leaderships.

The main motive was the conviction that issues between brothers can be resolved without the need for international interference.

The Gulf sources added that the Bahraini Crown Prince was pleased with the results of his talks with the Qatari leaders as he was accorded every understanding and positive response.

The sources affirmed that Sheikh Hamad Al Khalifa is determined to continue his visits and direct talks with the Qatari leaders after realising that this is the best method of sorting out matters.

They added that Sheikh Hamad is now convinced that with more face-to-face talks and with the desire shown by both sides, the two countries will be able to overcome any obstacle that may arise any time.

The results of such visits were reaffirmed during the visit of the Qatari Crown Prince to Manama, when the Amir of Bahrain

Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa went to the airport to personally welcome him.

In this respect, the Gulf sources said that the people of Qatar and Bahrain are now looking with high hopes towards fruitful results from the new trend in relationships.

The sources said that this co-operation may now be realised in the form of constructing a causeway linking the two countries which is expected to pass through the disputed Hawar Island.

Some economic sources estimated the costs of the causeway to be not more than \$300 million which could be financed by the Gulf private sector.

The Gulf sources stressed that if the causeway is constructed, it will be the strongest form of ties between the two countries.

Postal working hours during holidays

IN connection with celebrations to mark the birthday of the Holy Prophet, the Ministry of Communications announces the following working hours.

Friday, Oct. 21 — Usual working hours.

Saturday, Oct. 22 — Closed.

Sunday, Oct. 23 — 7.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Continuous service — day and night will be offered at the international airport — Terminal No. 2.

Sixteen traffic accidents reported

THERE were 16 accidents in Kuwait yesterday. Three were reported from the capital, three in Hawalli, seven in Ahmadi and three in Jahra.

Three people, including one child, were hurt in the accidents.

Areas near mosque to be developed

MAKKAH, Oct. 19, (KUNA): The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz, today patronised the ceremony to lay the foundation stone for the Makkah Construction and Installation Co. project, which will develop areas near the holy mosque in Makkah.

The chairman of the board of directors of Makkah Construction and Installation Co., Abdel Rahman Fahh highlighted the great attention given by the monarch to the two holy mosques.

He noted that the monarch in 1985 inaugurated the Madinah-based King Fahd Complex for printing of the Holy Quran and laid the foundation stone for the expansion of the holy mosque last year.

He pointed that the project will include housing units, a first-class hotel and a commercial centre.

The project will provide accommodations for more than 30,000 pilgrims and visitors of the holy mosque, he added.

The company was established under the directives of the monarch to develop surrounding areas to accommodate the increasing number of pilgrims and visitors of the holy mosque. The monarch has urged the private sector to contribute to this vital project.

King Fahd issued a royal decree on June 26 to establish the company as a Saudi shareholders company.

The company's land scheme is spread over an area of about 18,000 square metres.

The project includes a three-storey parking lot to accommodate about 1,200 vehicles, commercial centre, a mosque for 22,000 worshippers, toilets and ablution area.

The project also includes 67 villas, 12 buildings with 764 apartments and a 625-room hotel.

The company, established with a capital of SR 1355 million, will encourage the private sector to contribute to economic development in the country.

Dependence on expatriate labour expected to continue

THE shortage of trained and technical Kuwaiti manpower will lead to continued dependence on expatriate manpower, according to Dr Abdul Rahman Al Mihalani, director general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.

This will lead to political, social and security risks as well as an increase in unemployment of national manpower in masked form, he said.

Headed that increasing number of Kuwaiti graduates of the university and the authority primarily seek administrative positions which causes masked unemployment in the technical sector, bureaucracy and low standards of productivity.

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Al Mihalani, speaking at the seminar organised by the authority's Faculty of Basic Education, said that the national trained and professional manpower is only 4 per cent to 6 per cent of the total work force in Kuwait.

He pointed out that the authority's aim is to provide the local

market with trained technical manpower. The authority is facing some problems which it is encountering in this respect, the official added.

He said that the authority should abide by its charter and goals as well as the Five-Year Plan to address the problem. Further, the study period at the authority should be for two years instead of the present four — except at the Faculty of Basic Education. Social views towards applied education and training should also be changed.

Reconsider

Students now join the faculties of the authority because they fail to gain admission to the university. The authority cannot accommodate this large number of applicants because of its limited facilities.

Teaching technical subjects in schools and having educational, economic and social planning through the Higher Council for Education and Higher Council for Planning could solve the problem, the official said.

He pointed out that about

3,000 persons are working in the authority. However, their distribution over different faculties do not fit the changes in the organisational structure of the authority. The number of students causes instability and administrative complications, he added.

He revealed that a new organisational structure will be built for the authority very soon to develop work and facilitate procedures at the authority.

The authority will reconsider the policies of admission in the faculties and training centres of the authority. The authority will co-operate with the Ministry of Education to encourage students to join the science section of secondary schools.

Students will be subjected to evaluation examinations which will determine faculties they can join.

He added that 62 per cent of the teaching staff of the authority are Kuwaiti nationals and they should be provided with enhanced training to develop their performance and efficiency.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Bahrain residents die in crash

TWO leading Indian businessmen from Bahrain died when an Indian Airlines aircraft crashed Wednesday at Ahmedabad on a domestic flight from Bombay to Ahmedabad.

According to an Indian embassy spokesman here, four Indians from Bahrain died in the crash which killed 130 out of 135 passengers and crew when the aircraft burst into flames shortly before landing at Ahmedabad airport in western India.

Three of the four dead passengers from Bahrain were reported to be a businessman and his two sons.

Valabdas Muljimal, proprietor of Valabdas Muljimal and Brothers — one of the oldest foodstuff wholesalers in the island — died along with his two sons, Mahesh and Babu.

Muljimal was on his way to open a factory for "Minoo Chips" in Ahmedabad with his sons, according to sources here.

Sunder Kewalram, who was in his fifties, also died in the crash. He was a director of Kewalram & Sons — a store specialising in garments and electronic goods over several decades on the island. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

Rationalisation plan devised

THE Arabian Gulf University, in conjunction with the Ministry of Works, Power and Water has devised a plan to rationalise the production of electrical power and achieve the optimum use of all energy sources, said Dr Adel Nasser, head of the Engineering Sciences and Physics Department at the university.

He said the plan is aimed at serving the Arab Gulf community, achieving the highest levels of power production and realising the region's overall development. The Arabian Gulf University feels that it is its duty to rationalise power consumption and to refer its suggestions to the Ministry of Works, Power and Water, he said.

Dr Nasser revealed that the works, power and water minister supported the proposal by agreeing to finance it, a move which was regarded as giving a further boost to the university's efforts to serve the Gulf community.

The plan has three stages. The first is the preinspection phase involving visits to the power stations and interviews with the operation and maintenance staff to compile the necessary data. The second stage involves the purchase of instrumentation equipment to determine inspection priorities. The third stage includes conducting a feasibility study for the proposed rationalisation projects.

New skin care products introduced

ROCHAS, one of the world's leading names in skin care, recently introduced in Bahrain a new line of beauty products entitled "Byzance".

Brought out a year ago in France, the new line of seven beauty products enable a better and more sophisticated application to all aspects of beauty-care, according to a spokeswoman of the company.

She emphasised that the concept of Rochas has been to reduce the aging of skin by proper skincare after taking into consideration time, weather and research. Rochas has been able to maintain their reputation of manufacturing quality and cost-effective products to fulfill this demand everywhere including the Gulf, she added.

The new products, reflect the richness of colours and beauty of the Byzantine era.

Copper tube plant planned

A BD12 million copper tube plant — the first in the Gulf — will be built in Bahrain late next year or in early 1990.

The factory, which will provide 270 new jobs, is a joint venture between The Island's Essq, Mubarak Al Kobaisi group and the Belgian company, Boliden Cuivre et Zinc.

According to Abdullah Al Kobaisi, general manager of the Bahrain group, production of copper and copper nickel tubes will start for domestic and industrial use. The factory will make copper pipes for plumbing and air conditioning systems, copper-nickel tubes for desalination plants and busbar plates for electrical circuits.

Al Kobaisi said that in the first year 10,000 tonnes will be produced, operating in two shifts. Later a third shift will be introduced and production will be increased to 20,000 tonnes.

The 11,000 square-metre factory will be built at the North Sitra industrial area near Bolexa.

Experts to visit Bahrain

BAHRAIN'S private sector will get help from developed countries to improve its technology and increase productivity.

Experts from top private firms in developed countries will visit Bahrain under an arrangement co-ordinated by the United Nations Development Programme.

The first in the series of visits will take place when a Japanese expert will meet officials of a tissue paper manufacturing company in Bahrain to provide technical assistance for its expansion. The Japanese expert is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday.

According to Mohammed Hussain Al Sharif, UNDP programme assistant, the experts who will provide technical assistance are from companies affiliated with a data-base information centre at the UN headquarters in New York.

"Bahraini firms which require the assistance will only pay for the experts' air fare, boarding and lodging, while the foreign firms which offer their expert's service will be responsible for their remuneration and leave," said Al Sharif.

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By Dinah

SET in a bleak no man's land of motorways and flyovers, the Hotel Pullman is the kind of place one might be inclined to just whizz past and disregard. Undeterred, however, by its whizzpastability and curious to know what went on behind its fortress-like facade, we went in search of the hotel's restaurant, Les Elysees. Down the boxed-in stairs, past the busy coffee-shop and tucked around a corner, we found it. Our intrepidity was rewarded by the discovery of an unpretentious little place where, during the course of the evening, we were served good food by pleasant and helpful staff. Life is indeed full of surprises.

Service

The choice of simple furnishings and pastel colours, coupled with the intelligent arrangement of seating, makes the place cosy but uncluttered. It is a pity, however, that all that separates the restaurant from the coffee-shop is a screen of plants, since the noise tends to impinge upon the otherwise intimate atmosphere. Perhaps the decision to leave it open was again influenced by the desire to create a sense of spaciousness, but clever design tricks could have achieved much the same and would not have involved any loss of seclusion. The service was extremely good. Our waiter was friendly.

Full of surprises

good-humoured, polite and efficient, which is something of a rare combination. I have found. Many tend to go a bit over the top in one area to the detriment of others, but ours got it just right. His appearances and exits were well-timed, there was no hovering, no asking if madam has finished when she quite obviously has not and no long absences which start you thinking that there has been a coup in the kitchen or that they have all gone off to get an early night. Even the small tussle between my guest and a shrimp reluctant to leave its skewer, which resulted in some sauce launching itself shirtwards, was handled with great panache by our waiter. Without a word, he got a cloth, whisked away the evidence of the affray and that was that!

There were more surprises in store with the arrival of what we had ordered. I cannot fault the *Salade de Langoustines aux Fines Herbes* I took as an appetiser. Plump, juicy Gulf lobster in a light mayonnaise sauce, accompanied by a crisp salad of endive, lettuce and shredded carrot made a delightful start to the proceedings. Warm, crusty bread rolls — one of the life's simple pleasures — completed the sensation. My guest's choice of *Crevettes de Golfe a l'Oeuf au Vinaigre d'Estragon*

might not be to everyone's taste, as doubtless some would find the combination of shrimp, poached egg and tarragon vinegar a mite off-putting, but it would certainly be a treat for more adventurous souls. I followed up with the *Magret de Canard en Duxelle de Champignons* as my main course. This was something of an anti-climax, as often seems to be the case with main courses, though on this occasion, it was through no fault of the preparation. The breast of duck was cooked well and came in a natural sauce of meat juices. The vegetables — carrots, cauliflower and baby marrow — were tasty and a good texture. My only criticism concerns the presentation of the mushrooms, which had been minced and spooned in a rather hefty and unattractive portion at the side of the plate. In view of the pungency of the variety, I felt there really ought to have been a smaller quantity or else they might have been combined with the sauce of the meat.

Selection

I felt absolutely spoiled for choice as far as the sweet selection was concerned and it made a great change to see items which are a little out of the ordinary, like chestnuts. After

much deliberation, I settled for the *Poire Pochee au Fruits Secs et Epices*. I was not exactly thrilled with what I got, partly because I had expected it to be hot, which would have done more justice to both the pear and to the spices in the poaching liquor, and partly because of the presence of an overabundance of walnut halves, which were an inappropriate substitute for dried fruits, of which there were few.

The food was, on the whole, good value for money, which is perhaps more than can be said for the drinks. We were charged a staggering K.D.1.500 for a bottle of Perrier water and our 'let's pretend' sparkling grape juice, lovely though it was, at K.D.2.900 a bottle came pretty close to costing as much as the real thing!

To my mind, the points in favour of Les Elysees far outweighed those against it. It is not perhaps the place to go if you are looking for something on the grand scale, but I think it rates as well worth a visit when you are in search of a more informal affair.

RESTAURANT: Les Elysees
TYPE: French restaurant at Pullman Hotel
MEAL: Three course a la carte dinner
PRICE: K.D.24.200 (for two)
Star rating (out of five)
FOOD: ★★★★★
SERVICE: ★★★★★
ATMOSPHERE: ★★★★★
VALUE FOR MONEY: ★★★★★

Bengali Cultural Society
OCT 22: 8 pm, Bijoya Sammelan — get-together and entertainment by children, Mousetrap Theatre. Contact organisers for passes.

HOTELS

Meridien
THURSDAY: Jam session and seafood at La Brasserie;
FRIDAY: Family fun with Oriental buffet and music.

Holiday Inn
INDIAN WEEK, until Oct 21. THURSDAY Nights — Arab singer entertains guests in hotel's night club.
Sheraton
THURSDAY: Arab World speciality in Le Tarbouche;
FRIDAY: Lebanese buffet for lunch and dinner.

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.34 am
Zuhr	11.33
Asr	2.47 pm
Maghreb	5.13
Isha	6.30
FRIDAY	
Fajr	4.34 am
Friday Prayer	11.33
Asr	2.46 pm
Maghreb	5.11
Isha	6.28

CANCELLED/ POSTPONED

THE Filipino groups Kapilkin and Flassik have cancelled their seventh anniversary programme, due to be held on Oct 22 at the SAS. Edna Tamondong of Flassik said it was cancelled due to "unavoidable circumstances".
KLT's comedy production *Two and Two Make Six* has been postponed "indefinitely" due to a small mishap — fire — at the Kuwait Little Theatre in Ahmadi. The comedy was to open on Oct 31 for a four night run.

One-act play
OCT 22: 7.30 pm. One-act play Nazuk Sawari for Dussehra at IAC. Tel: 390-4817.
Hilton
FRIDAY: Mini barbecue by the garden pool; family atmosphere; La Palma lunch from

KTV 1

MORNING
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.34 Al Jawharah
10.15 Tum Tek and Children
10.30 P.T. Barzum: English film
11.30 Islam Wal Insaan
12.00 Al Zankalooni
1.40 Fawazir Al Munasabat
2.00 Sport in a week
4.45 Cartoons
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis

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Sima Pharmacy
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Jleeb Al Shiyoohk
Al Salamah Pharmacy
Falah Saud Bldg., Block 3, Hassawia
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Market

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

7.00 News Summary
7.30 Alwan
8.00 Show Jumping
8.30 With Islam
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Wasiyat Zaujati: feature film
11.45 Late Night Variety Show
12.45 We Present ...
1.20 Closedown
FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Iftah Ya Simsim

FRIDAY
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Tala Pharmacy
opp. Education Ministry, Hilali St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Bastoor Pharmacy
Qais Al Ghanem Bldg., Dahbous St.
Salimiya and Rumaithiya
Sahara Pharmacy
Salem Mubarak St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Fulajj Pharmacy
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

MEN are great only if they are determined to be so — Charles de Gaulle, French statesman-general (1890-1970).

Kaunda heads for re-election

Zambia's future remains uncertain

By Pascal Fletcher

LUSAKA, (Reuters): Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda's re-election in Oct 26 polls is virtually guaranteed in the face of increasing political dissent and economic pressures the future of his southern African nation appears less certain.

More than three million registered voters among the 7.5 million population are being urged by Kaunda's ruling party to re-elect him by a massive vote.

The 64-year-old president who has ruled Zambia since independence from Britain in 1964 is the sole presidential candidate.

Under what is termed as one-party participatory democracy in Kaunda and his ruling United National Independence Party (UNIP), voters will also elect members of Zambia's parliament, the National Assembly.

There is a choice of candidates in the 125 constituencies although all will have been vetted by the party leadership.

Vote

Government leaders and foreign diplomats alike predict Kaunda will receive a comfortable "yes" majority vote to serve a sixth successive term as president.

He won 93 per cent of the vote as the only candidate in the last elections in 1983.

But Western diplomats in Lusaka believe that growing dissatisfaction with the country's rigid political system and the economic stagnation gripping the country may have weakened — and could weaken further — Kaunda's hold on power.

Charges

They point to the surprise detention barely three weeks before the elections of six military officers and three civilians accused of subversion. The government has not identified them or revealed the charges against them but the

diplomats say they were involved in a plot to overthrow Kaunda. "There was definitely a coup plot," said one diplomat, who asked not to be named.

"It definitely also appears to have involved a cross-section of Army and Air Force officers, businessmen and politicians," he added.

The diplomats said more than 15 people were being questioned. Kaunda himself and other party leaders have made clear they will not tolerate public dissent, which they say could divide the country and shatter the relative peace it has enjoyed.

Peace and unity are the goals most often invoked to justify UNIP's rule and allegiance to Kaunda although party leaders campaigning for his re-election have warned Zambians that a vote against him will be considered, at the very least, unpatriotic.

"Kaunda is our hero. He brought us independence and development. We do not need another hero," UNIP secretary-general Grey Zulu, Kaunda's number two, told one rally.

Shortages

But gnawing at the government's popularity is the country's worsening economic predicament, characterised by chronic shortages of foods and essential commodities as well as a crippling scarcity of vital foreign exchange.

Fresh foreign funds for development projects have become scarce since Kaunda decided in May, 1987 to abandon an International Monetary Fund (IMF) economic reform programme.

The government has been resisting pressure from the IMF, the World Bank and some Western donors to drop tight controls on prices, interest rates and the exchange rate which they say are suffocating the economy.

They also want the government to pay back mounting arrears in service payments on the country's foreign debt, now more than \$5 billion.

Snobbish rivalry in US

Harvard vs Yale

By Brent Laymon

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, (AP): This year's presidential campaign has elevated to the presidential arena what is perhaps the oldest, most intense and most snobbish rivalry in America.

George Bush is a Yale man. Michael Dukakis studied and taught at Harvard.

It is only the second time in 200 years that graduates of the two rival universities at the top of the American academic and social ladder have vied for the presidency of the United States.

The only other time in history that a Yale man faced a Harvard man for the presidency, the outcome was grim for both sides. The occasion was in 1912, when Harvard graduate Theodore Roosevelt and Yale graduate William Howard Taft both lost to Woodrow Wilson, a graduate of Princeton, another member of the elite Ivy League group of colleges that considers itself a worthy rival to both Yale and Harvard.

Master

John F. Kennedy, the last Harvard man to be president, was a master at exploiting his Harvard education for political advantage. But Bush, this year's Republican candidate and a 1948 graduate of Yale, has tried to turn Democrat Dukakis' Harvard connections into a campaign liability.

Many Americans are suspicious of both colleges as elitist institutions for the wealthy, though Harvard and Yale have tried hard in recent years to admit a broader cross-section of students.

Bush, scion of a wealthy Greenwich, Connecticut family, accuses the Massachusetts governor, the son of Greek immigrants, of having a "Harvard boutique" mentality tainted by "liberalism and elitism."

Campaigning on Saturday in Modesto, California, Bush said, "I don't want somebody from Harvard telling me what I can do and what I can't do."

Asked about that statement at a news conference on Sunday,

Bush said he did not want to take on the institution itself, asking "How can I, a nice guy from Yale, feel that way about Harvard? Now come on."

"I'm talking about a handful of people that have served in (recent) Democratic administrations that come out of the same liberal philosophy. And they know who they are," he said. "There's an elite inside the elite there."

Dukakis has tried to stay out of the Harvard-Yale debate, saying his 1960 Harvard law degree and teaching stint at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government don't make him a Harvard man at all. He received his undergraduate degree at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

Harvard, located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Yale, in New Haven, Connecticut, have eyed each other with haughty disdain for nearly 300 years, since Yale was founded in 1701 by group of clergy worried about religious backsliding at the more liberal Harvard, the oldest college in America. Harvard was founded in 1636.

Race

The Harvard-Yale annual rowing race is the oldest inter-collegiate sports rivalry in America, dating from 1852, and Harvard holds a 72-51 edge in the series. The schools refer to their annual football contest as "the game" and Yale leads that series 56-40.

Although this is only the second head-to-head presidential match, Harvard and Yale boast presidents among their graduates. Still, Harvard holds a substantial lead in the presidential sweepstakes: six Harvard graduates have held the office — John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and Kennedy — compared to just two from Yale — William Howard Taft and Gerald Ford, a 1941 graduate of Yale Law School.

Adding extra spice to Bush's Yale background is that he was a member of Skull and Bones, a distinguished, wealthy and highly secret society of Yale students.

Selling within official prices

SIR: It has been mentioned in Zahed Matar's column "Day by Day" that the price of meat sold by Kuwait Livestock Company is higher than others. We want to know how a well-known editor as Zahed, has reached such conclusions? Did he carry out a market survey?

Anyway the selling prices of the company are within the fixed official prices. May be Zahed has reached such conclusions from the limited number of butcheries who are selling at lower prices than KLT for well-known reasons in this trade.

It is possible to visualise meat prices in Kuwait without the availability of Australian sheep or the existence of KLT which always aims at making this vital product available.

What we expect from Zahed is to seek the actual prices of meat in the Gulf area, which imports the same type of sheep. It is not possible to match meat prices in Kuwait with any other country in the world.

Moreover, the company exports all possible effort to enlarge its import resources such as New Zealand and China.

Regarding what has been mentioned in this column about use of chemical fodder and throwing of such meat to dogs, we wish Zahed was self-conscious and aware of the invalid accusations he is attacking others with.

Does Zahed think that the concerned parties in Australia and in other parts of the world would permit Australia, the largest meat exporter in the world, to use chemical fodder and still huy from them.

On the other hand, concerned parties in Kuwait including KLT are totally keen to protect the public health and verify the suitability of the sources dealt with.

Faisal Al Khazam
Chairman and
Managing Director
Livestock Transport
& Trading Co.

Treacherous government

SIR: The UK government's decision to order Kuwait's shares in British Petroleum to be cut was no surprise to me.

Two years ago I started a project which would in due time become highly profitable. I started to correspond with the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry with a request to sponsor it.

Basically the project would entail experimental mining of the seabed, recovering diamonds, gold, treasure, and even real-estate in the form of huge reclaimed land areas.

Another idea was to establish a new diamond market in the Middle East. However, correspondence ceased abruptly although interest was beginning to be stimulated in the venture.

I was and am still convinced that the UK government intervened in some way or another to protect Zionist vested interests. After all, a second diamond market would be intolerable to those with diamond mining interests.

The UK government maintains that the majority holdings in BP would not be in the public interest. The fact is, the British public have no say in UK's financial affairs in any shape or form and could not care less who owned majority shares. Again it could well be Zionist interests that prevail.

In my correspondence with the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry I had given a hint about how treacherous the present UK government can be. I sought backing for my project and having formed a company the government refused to support me and I lost money. I still seek a sponsor and when I find someone, my loyalty to him is paramount.

R. Phipps
Director of Alrasiv Project UK.

Failed to see beauty of dance

SIR: This refers to an article "A fusion of north-south Indian dance culture" (AT, Oct 2) on the Indian dance festival held at the IAC on Sept 29/30.

On my first and second reading of the article I was really shocked by your reporter's use of harsh words about Indian culture. To quote "Members of the audience found some numbers rather tedious..." Firstly, there was no dance item of 18 minutes at the two-day concert. Secondly, for your reporter's information, an 18-minute dance is not unusual in India where some dance items last for four to five hours — and some last throughout the night, without a break.

The audience may have been disappointed not by the lengthy performance but for the low quality items presented by some groups. The festival's organisers could have seen the items before the actual performance and confirmed that they were of a high standard. However, we appreciate the organisers' effort to combine the dance cultures of the north and south. Except for a few dance numbers, the show was not successful quality wise.

Kathak presented by Beena Sharma was undoubtedly a good performance. But it was not the only highlight of the festival. As an impartial viewer, could I ask your reporter, what about the dances presented by

Chella Shekhar and the students of Sudarshan Kalamandir and Kalasadan? Are they not purely classical or the co-ordination, movements and bhav (expression) presented by them are not upto the mark? I am sorry to say that your reporter's views are biased and she has utterly failed to see the beauty of dance in its right perspective.

Now, referring to another article on Nrithosav 88 (AT, Sept 25). To quote "other dance groups must work twice as hard..." Your reporter is wrong. Is hard work necessary? What about the outcome? Whether one works hard or not the show must be good. Dance teachers work day and night, not for fame, but for the satisfaction of teaching true dance forms. That is hard work.

I am not complaining about your reporter but I want to enlighten her that anything and everything cannot be classified as "dance".

Abdul Najeeb
Safat.

Fathima Ahmed comments: Enlightened! No one questioned the talent of other dancers, or groups. Agreed Mr Najeeb, to quote you "anything and everything cannot be classified as dance".

Bus and taxi services

SIR: I refer to the letter "Bus Service" (AT, Sept 29-30) complaining about the absence of taxi service in most of the residential, commercial and remote areas.

We agree with the complaint that many areas are in great need of taxi service which is an important means of public transportation. KPTC has recently completed a comprehensive study on taxi service and the unsophisticated phenomenon of transporting passengers by vans. Recommendations have been presented to the Higher Council of Traffic for necessary action.

One of the recommendations is to establish a corporation for on-call taxi service in order to cover the shortage of such service to many important areas. The concerned government departments responded by executing some recommendations of the said study as the circumstances allowed; nevertheless we are looking forward putting other recommendations into execution.

It is practically impossible to provide bus services to play the role of taxis as each mode has its function. While buses run on main roads and according to scheduled frequencies and courses, taxis give on-call service to lanes and secondary roads where buses cannot

enter. But we assure you that there is no single area in Kuwait not reached by the public bus services. Moreover there are areas served directly or indirectly by more than one route and for different bounds as the patronage size and density necessitate.

We assure you that KPTC will be pleased to receive constructive complaints, suggestions and criticism for urging the progress and betterment of public transport services.

Abdulwahab R. Al Haroon
Chairman &
Managing Director,
Kuwait Public
Transport Co.

Plight of minorities

SIR: Kuwait's mass media have recently published some articles about Romania but they have mentioned only "the sunny side" of this Balkan country. However, it would be more appropriate to mention the reality of life in that country. Let me explain the situation of the national minorities living there.

The Romanian leadership tries to assimilate minorities against their will, while paying no attention whatsoever to their human rights.

Recently a new law was passed which forbade the use of the old genuine German or Hungarian geographical names in the press and the registration of newborn children with non-Romanian names. The purpose of this measure is to erase the ground old Hungarian and German villages in Transylvania and to force their inhabitants to move to the big cities in order to gain more agricultural land.

It is a fact that Rumania has the lowest living standard among the European socialist countries.

I wish the readers of the Arab Times to be aware of such an unprecedented oppression of ethnic groups in Europe which might be comparable only to that of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. This kind of crime against humanity must not remain concealed from the honest people of the world.

Dr Laszlo Sarkady
Kuwait.

Facts about HMJ Centre

SIR: I bring to your attention certain facts about the Hussain Makki Juma Cancer Centre which you may not be aware of.

Some of the nurses (especially from ICU — Cancer Block) are blatantly misusing the funds/facilities provided by the government and distrib-

ing medicines to friends/family. Positions are disproportionately utilised and appointments are made for all and sundry, whereas the common layman has to wait to be referred to the clinic to any hospital, which is not an easy task.

There is a lot of immorality among the nurses especially the Asian ones. Considering the profession being such a prestigious one, it is a shame that it is degraded in such a manner.

I preferred to voice my thoughts in this context, with the hope that some action would be taken, since due to the faults of a few, all of us are labelled as culprits.

I am sure that if proper control was exercised in appropriate channels, the ministry would not have to think of changing for its services. Although a minor charge would seem necessary to cover up costs and deficits.

Associate of HMJ Centre.

Allegations contrary to facts

SIR: Some letters published in this column make allegations that are contrary to the facts and tend to malign our school. Allegations that all Std. XII students are being forced to buy new uniforms are absolutely false. In our class Std. XII — 79 of the 81 students are still wearing old uniforms and will continue to do so.

No one is forcing us or anyone else to buy new uniforms. The notice in June clearly said that students could continue to wear old uniforms until they bought new ones. This can be easily checked. Similarly, all other allegations are incorrect and misleading.

If the writers are genuinely parents, how did they get the facts wrong? Did they get the facts wrong or are they deliberately maligning our school because it is doing well?

School Captain and, Four House Captains, New Indian School (on behalf of Std XII)

Dubai TV marvellous

SIR: The Olympic Games coverage on Dubai TV was marvellous. Besides the Games, I enjoyed the special programmes on previous Olympic Games and the forgotten heroes.

This programme has given me a lot of information and my knowledge about international athletics has increased. Thanks to the TV teams who worked so hard to give us such



valuable information, the up to date results and a very good coverage of the biggest sport event on earth.

Bravo Channel 33 and 55. Keep up the good work. Without you there is no fun.

M. Ahmed.

Three cheers for Susan

SIR: "Susan steals the show and some hearts" (AT, Oct 9). May we add that Susan Rego has snatched our souls too! She is not only a gifted singer who can sing "like a bird" but one of the most beautiful and presentable young ladies we have seen on stage. Your reporter has done justice to her in the write-up.

Three cheers to Susan, three cheers to her band "The Fams" and more cheers for the entire show. Keep it up Susan, and give us more.

John and Mrs Cherian, Salmiya.

Susan is Susan

SIR: Your report on "East meets West" entitled "Susan steals the show and some hearts" was interesting and well written.

Susan is Susan, and no doubt about it. Unlike other singers and artists she does not imitate others... Susan is talented, creative, presentable and graceful. She deserves praise from all. We look forward for more of such musicals.

Javald Shalkh and, friends, Abbasiya.

Bravo Susan!

SIR: Your report "Susan steals the show and some hearts" was well written. Hats off to the Arab Times and cheers to Susan.

The Fams and all those who supported her need a bravo too.

Ram Jataini, Safat.

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By Stephen Weeks

ATHENS, (Reuters): When Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu went abroad for heart surgery in August he left his wife behind and took an airline stewardess half his age for company.

Since then the Greek public often appears more concerned with the prime minister's affairs of the heart than with his physical condition.

Almost no day passes without an array of front-page stories on the 69-year-old prime minister and his hostess Dimitra Liani, who has become his constant companion.

While he was awaiting surgery in London, members of his Socialist government appeared at first to hope the tall, shapely blonde at his bedside would go unnoticed.

But a photograph of the couple holding hands in the hospital garden dashed such hopes. The relationship dominates conversations and has cast its shadow over the political scene.

One newspaper has dubbed 34-year-old Liani as "the

Papandreu's love-life hot topic before election

national mistress", others refer to the "national love affair". Everyone now knows her as "Mimi", the pet name used by Papandreu.

Now, as he recovers in a London hotel from an operation on Sept 30 for a replaced heart valve and three heart by-passes, the nation waits the next instalment — the couple's return.

Where will Liani live? How often will she appear with the prime minister? Will she campaign with him in the forthcoming national election? Will he marry her?

Papandreu announced from his hospital bed that he would divorce his American wife of 37 years when he returned.

Liani has sometimes been cast as the loyal Greek woman tending to the stricken prime minister. But with his homecoming near, newspapers are again putting her in the role of the woman

whose temptations led an ageing prime minister to folly.

"We always knew Papandreu to be egocentric, ambitious and even careless concerning political matters but until now we had not said he was ridiculous," said Eleni Vlachou, political columnist for the respected opposition newspaper Kathimerini.

Interviews

Liani, as if to show she is doing to stay, has switched from dodging reporters outside Papandreu's hotel, to giving interviews and even pronouncing on his hopes for the future.

"He looks forward to his return to Greece and dreams there will be a large demonstration at Athens airport in his first contact with the Greek people," she told a local radio station.

Officials of his Socialist Pasok Party plan an airport rally on his return, and they vigorously attack any report that the prime minister has been weakened politically.

"1989 is not 1965," government spokesman Sotiris Kostasoulas said recently, referring to the coming election period and the political instability which preceded a military coup in 1967.

It is difficult to judge what the final public reaction to Liani will be, or whether she will influence the outcome of the election which must be held by next June.

Message

A factor which may weigh against her has been the dignified silence of Mrs Papandreu, a well-known public figure in Greece. Only one statement has been issued on her behalf, denying the "assault on her personality" after the divorce announcement and condemning "all these immoral things going on."

The message sent to a newspaper "by those close to Mrs Papandreu" noted the 40 years she stood by Papandreu during good times and bad, their four children and two grandchildren, and asked that she be left alone during a personal and family

tragedy. She has never said a word publicly.

Until his heart problems, most political commentators felt that Papandreu was likely to win a third term with a third outright majority in parliament.

Now some commentators talk about the "post-Papandreu" era, and question whether the various factions which he united under the Pasok banner can hold together.

He forged the party from the political wreckage in Greece after the collapse of the military junta which seized power and ruled from 1967 to 1974.

A charismatic speaker noted for his unpredictable political turns, Papandreu capitalized on fierce anti-American sentiment and a widespread yearning for political change to help Pasok win easy victories in 1981 and 1985.

Evils

Rather, in the eyes of many voters, it is a choice between the lesser of two evils, underscored by Labour's penchant — largely with the help of what political pundits describe as its "loony left" wing — for shooting itself in the foot.

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Thanks to her enemies

Thatcher hangs on to her job

By Al Webb

LONDON, (UPI): If Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher hangs onto her job to the year 2000 and beyond, she could owe a great deal of thanks to her enemies, the opposition Labour Party.

Thatcher, who turned 63 Thursday, already has beaten the Labourites three times in nine years — the longest single reign by a British prime minister since that of stodgy old Lord Liverpool in the early 19th century — and her end is not in sight.

It is not that the so-called "Iron Lady" is herself all that big a hit. A poll this month in the Conservative-leaning Sunday Telegraph newspaper indicated Thatcher is personally less popular than Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock, whom she trounced at the ballot box last year.

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Margaret Thatcher services debts and promoted policies such as school buses for lesbian mothers that have infuriated and dismayed much of the party's own rank and file.

Thatcher has her own problems. Britain's unemployment, although down significantly since the start of the decade, is still running at about 2.3 million people and nearly half of those have been out of work for more than a year.

Inflation is again beginning to creep toward 6 per cent, violent crime is up, construction of housing for the poor has reached nearly a standstill, and major opposition is afoot to her moves to tax every adult at the local level — a "poll tax" — as a substitute for taxation based on residences.

Inflation Trouble for the prime minister could come from another angle, from the more than a quarter of today's electorate that is not old enough to remember the double-digit inflation, rampant union disruption and soaring unemployment that put her in office at 10 Downing Street in the first place.

For all that, Thatcher still appears unbeatable, at least in the foreseeable future and in significant part as a result of Labour's shambles — inter-necine squabbling, a leader who cannot unite his own party, a party that refuses to learn from defeat.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1587 — Huguenots defeat Catholic League at battle of Coutras, France.
- 1639 — France's Cardinal Richelieu secures arrest of Charles, pretender to the Palatinate, at Moulins.
- 1740 — Charles VI, last Hapsburg emperor, dies.
- 1895 — Austrians are defeated by French at battle of Ulm.
- 1883 — Peru cedes territory to Chile by Peace of Ancor.
- 1897 — King of Korea proclaims himself emperor, and Russia and Japan intervene.
- 1905 — General strikes start in Russia.
- 1921 — Franco-Turkish agreement is signed at Ankara.
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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Special to the Arab Times

Raj Khosla's 'Naqab' leads a new crop of old-style romantic films

Cautious comeback for 'Muslim socials'

By
Firoze Rangoonwalla

AFTER Deedar-e-Yaar and its costly failure, producers were generally reluctant to take up films laid against a Muslim background and depicting its social-cultural-religious aspects. They assumed that romantic films of this type were no longer accepted by the public. The failure of Yeh Ishk Nahin Aasaa was a further dampener and the success of Nikah was attributed to it being in the different genre of problem films.

Thus producer Raj Khosla decided to add his favourite suspense angle to this romantic and domestic framework. He picked up a story from Ahid Surti, added a dash of Woman in White and dressed it up with the Nawabi lifestyle and culture.

The result is Naqab which has flowery dialogue by Rahi Masoom Raza, excellent lyrics by the recently-deceased Farukh Kaiser, and the unusual talent of Kamaal Makhdum, provides background music.

Naqab is leading among the new crop of Muslim socials and it has turned out to be a delightful film with a touch of pathos at the end.

At first, the feminine "parda" or veil on the face creates some complications and fuels the romance between Rishi Kapoor and Farha. He sees a girl on the road and wants to know more about her, but she mysteriously disappears.

In the Nawabi haveli, Rishi sees the same girl and is wonder-struck. When he says he's already met her, they think he's a little crazy. Farha complains to her grandpa Amjad Khan but when Rishi explains the reality to him, he avoids the topic.

Frequent meetings by the photographer Rishi makes Farha fall in love with him. On Eid day, there is a "qawalli" to be held in the haveli but the main



Poonam and Babbar in Jaan-e-Mehboob.

singer fails to turn up. So Farha with the willing nod of Amjad asks Rishi to sing. He takes the opportunity of declaring his love in the poetic form. The girl wants a further test of his real feelings, and sends her faithful maid Gouri (Jamuna) to entice him. But he passes the test and the love bond between the two is crystallised.

Enter the bad elements, in the form of Brodu and her brother Vyjayendra. They are relatives of Nawab Sahab and have an eye on his property. The simple way is to get the boy married to Farha and the Nawab happily accepts the proposal. But the girl revolts and tells grandpa of her real love.

Sorrow

He argues that the hero is out of their class and his refusal to Bindu would make the Nawab break his promise, and he would prefer to die instead. Seeing the dilemma, ooble Rishi himself sacrifices his love and asks Farha to marry Vyjayendra. But after this forced marriage, she becomes a victim of tyranny by her husband who taunts her about her first love.

Rishi takes to the bottle to drown his sorrows. But when he hears of Farha's suffering

and the pressure on her to get the Nawab's property transferred, he rushes to her village. Here he sees the mystery girl with Farha's face again. She now takes him into confidence and admits that Vyjayendra had first married her, to save himself from a bank fraud and then kept her confined in a cell. The two girls are actually the daughters of the Nawab's son. Now they save the real Farha and send the other girl to take her place in the husband's house.

The twin sister Ashiya manages to fool Vyjayendra about the estate papers after which she poisons him as well as herself. Rishi and Farha rush with the Nawab to the village where the girl is about to die. Her last wish is that her grandfather call her a daughter and give her respectability. Her sacrifice leads to a happy end. The treatment of Naqab has given it a delicate flavour, though it does not address any problem issues.

A different effort in that respect is Razia based on Ram Benipuri's Kalam Ke Jadoogar which won an award of the state Sahitya Akademi. It has been directed by Brij Bhushan for producer Satish Saluja, and scripted with dialogue by Rahi

Masoom Raza. It is a tale of caste and community conflicts and examines the problems of a Hindu boy and a Muslim girl who love each other and also the villainy of the higher caste Thakurs against Hindu untouchables.

Shekhar Suman is a decent boy from a Hindu landlord's family, though his elder brother is as evil as evil could be. Shekhar loves Razia (Anita Kanwar) from childhood, though they know it is an impossible dream. As in Achhoot Kanya made years ago with Ashok Kumar and Devika Rani, Shekhar and Razia are married off to partners of their own religions. Shekhar's brother becomes a despot supported by a corrupt uotouchable.

Recall

Whenever Shekhar visits the village, he meets Razia and they recall the happy days. They grow older and become more distant. A fight breaks out between the upper and lower caste Hindus. Shekhar's brother attacks them and burns their houses. Razia and her husband die to this fire, but their daughter is saved. Shekhar is very pained by all this and he declares that being childless he

will adopt Razia's daughter. This is strongly opposed by the Thakurs and as Shekhar is going away from the village with the little girl, the goons attack him and he dies.

This is a strong comment on futile human barriers. But since the film has a small set-up and is not very well-made, it has not been bought by any other distributor, and its story value has been wasted. Perhaps it may end up on TV. But there are other films with a Muslim background that bank on the romantic angle and are fast nearing completion. The oldest is Jaan-e-Wafa directed by Rukun with music by Khayyam. It has Rati Agnihotri, Farooque Sheikh and the composer's son Pradeep Khayyam, making his debut.

But the unlucky film was delayed in production. Then Rati declared her retirement and got married. She also grew fat and oow looks quite different from the charming damsel of Ek Duje Ke Liye.

The film which is a romantic triangle is now stale and remains unsold for any zoo. It was made ambitiously and has some qawalis and other religious type of songs, sung by Azeem Iqbal among others. The future of actor Pradeep Khayyam has also been ruined.

Another film with a similar title and story is Jaan-e-Mehboob directed and written by Shah Alam, with music by O.P. Nayyar and lyrics by Noor Devasi. It has Raj Babbar, Poonam Dhillon, Rohao Kapoor, Kamran Rizvi, etc. This film again falls in the danger zone as Poonam is oow married and will leave films soon, while Rohan has no future as an actor.

The last is Padmini Kapila's Mohabbat Ka Paigham (earlier called Ibadat), which has Babbar, Meenakshi, Shammie Kapoor, Aditya Paneholi. After some ups and downs, the film has been completed. Along with Naqab it may be the only other Muslim social to be seen soon.

BEHIND THE SCREEN

IT is a case of Sawao vs. Shilpa. The veteran producer Sawan Kumar booked the 16-year-old Shilpa Shirodkar on a four-year contract. Then he did not call upon her for any films and ooe five day declared Dipintika as his third young heroine of Souten ki Bed. Meanwhile Mithun took a special interest in Shilpa and she signed up for Prashar, Bhadrachar and Paap ki Kamal. Now Sawan has sprung into action and legally threatened Shilpa not to work anywhere without his permission. The film case may be dissolved by film friends in the film way, but horror upon horror Dipintika is also working in a horror film.

Following the example set by Raj Kumar, cutting the birthday cake with a studio sword, Kadar Khan hit upon the idea of using it in one scene written by him for Justice Dharamveer. Unit members were quite surprised when Kadarhai wielded the sword and came before the camera to cut his own cake, in the role of a minister.

Govinda has been harassing producers by coming late, not giving enough time, asking for changes in the script and so on. So Dharmendra was requested to set him right. He agreed because his own wife Hema's film Awaraj is suffering due to Govinda. Garam Dharam's taste worked. But now who would set right Dharmendra himself for coming late, drunk, etc? A veteran producer gave him a dressing down and Dharam obeyed like a schoolboy.

The censor board can be favourable only to some people. Raakh made by Basu Bhattacharya's son Aditya was passed in September but given a pre-dated certificate for August, so that it could be entered for (Indian Panorama and World Festivals) before the deadline of August end.

Subhash Ghai wants to revive Devaa after Amitabh's departure. Dimple offered to do the film on condition that the title be changed from Devaa to Devi. That way she would be one up on Sri Devi again. Ghai is still pondering on the strange proposal.

And the latest rumours say that Amitabh and Rekha will act together again, in a film to be produced by Nadiadwala.

All-star extravaganza coming to Kuwait

By Fathima Ahmed

INDIA'S highest paid film star Sridevi and Bappi Lahiri are sought after music director will take part in an all-star extravaganza due to be held in Kuwait in December.

Rishi-Sridevi ke Saath — Bappi Lahiri ki Raat is the rather promising title of the ambitious musical night scheduled to be held on Dec 3 and 4.

Sridevi, who admits to "flirting with the camera" has set many a male heart aflutter as the oews of her arrival spread like wild fire by word of mouth publicity.

Sceptical as we press people are, we insisted on looking at the "contracts" signed by Sridevi and other stars by organisers Saulat Khan, Ashok Kalra, Jatinder Suri and Pradeep Suneja. They came in one morning, armed with a thick file containing letters of acceptance, signed by film stars Sridevi, Rishi Kapoor, Saeed Jaffery, Anupam Kher, Nutan, music director Bappi Lahiri and singers Shabbir Kumar and Kalyani Mitra.

True to Indian film magazine reports, Sridevi seems to be rather professional. Accepting the invitation with an exorbitant, undisclosed fee (she gets Rs 20 lakhs per film, second only to Bachchan) she has asked the organisers to "provide exact replicas of costumes" she wore in her films. "The costumes will cost a bomb," said Saulat Khan. Reportedly, they'll be made at a cost of over Rs 80,000. She has promised to present five numbers in films one expects them to be "sizzling" dances.

Rishi Kapoor, who performed in Kuwait at the Kalyanji-Anandji Night in March, 1986, will revisit Kuwait. Rishi needs no introduction. As the hero of Bobby, he was an instant hit, becoming the heart throb of thousands of teenagers. Some hits, and some flops, followed in Rishi's turbulent career. Among his better known films are Kabhi Kabhi, Prem Rog, Sargam, Nagina and the recent Vijay. On stage, Rishi comes alive like a live wire, dancing with carefree abandon, as he demonstrated at his last performance in Kuwait.

Lustre

Stage shows, critics say, lack lustre. But several fans attend such programmes to "get a glimpse of our favourite actors." Whether or not they get their money's worth is debatable, but talking of actors, one who springs to mind is the versatile performer Saeed Jaffery, an Indian who worked in Hollywood and appeared in several stage and television shows in the UK.

One can't forget Jaffery's portrayal of the menacing, cunning adviser in The Far Pavilions or as the seductive laundrette owner in the most talked about British movie My Beautiful Laundrette, which is incidentally banned in Kuwait due to its overt references to a taboo subject. His other notable television serial was Tandoori Nights, some episodes of which were shown by KTV-2.

Jaffery, who plays any role with equal flair and ease, is best remembered for his performance in Satyajit Ray's Hindi film Shatranj ke Khilari.

Saeed Jaffery, says Ashok Kalra, is a "man who makes you feel comfortable even if you've met him for the first time." One has to wait and see how he appears on stage in Kuwait. Being a veteran stage player, Jaffery may have some surprises up his sleeve.

Nutan surprised her fans with her talent for singing at the Kalyanji-Anandji Night and stole the show from Rekha.



Sridevi: admits to flirting with the camera



Nutan: evergreen screen goddess

who was at that time dubbed as "the star performer." Nutan, one of the most elegant actresses of the Indian screen, has been acting from the age of 14, co-starring with some of the evergreen heroes of Hindi cinema, including Ashok Kumar and Dilip Kumar. Nutan comes across as a natural performer on screen, and on stage.

Anupam Kher jumped from the Delhi theatre into tinsel town after waiting in the wings for years. As B.V. Pradhan of Saarang, he won the national award for his touching and sincere portrayal of a father who lost his only son.

Though critics raved over his Saarang performance, the actor himself believes he was better as the film director whose declining career, and his affair with an actress affects his relationship with his illegitimate son. He outshone Amitabh Bachchan in Aakhree Raasta, playing Mahesh Chandalia with subdued but comic audacity.

In recent years, he has become less selective about the type of roles he plays and has increasingly appeared as the stereotypical villain, but to be fair to the actor, his villainy also has undercurrents of talent he has displayed in his better movies, for example Seth Ramniklal in Uttar Dakshin.

Bappi Lahiri's music sees no boundary North or South, East or West. Lahiri plagues

into sound with nerve shattering and ear piercing music that drives you nuts, depending on the way you look at it.

Indian music critics claim he "lifts" music from "every source" and then mixes and matches it to create his own brand of sound. Despite this dubious reputation Lahiri's popularity soared, starting from his first film Do Shikari in 1974. Then came films like Chalte Chalte, Ag Ki Khatir, Nankar Biri Ka, Disco Dancer, Pyara Dushman, Sharaabi and Kanwarhal, among others. And they all danced, from Amitabh, Mithun to Jeetendra and Dharmendra, to Lahiri's music, including his fans.

Playback Shabbir Kumar described by Lata Mangeshkar, when she visited Kuwait in 1983, as "the most promising male playback singer" will present some of his most popular songs.

Shabbir lent his voice to Amitabh in Coolie for such songs as Saaree duniya ka bojh; to Sunny Deol in Betaab with Jab hum javan honge and tum ne di awaz: to main aa gaya and to Anil Kapoor in Woh 7 Din in Kungama hai hai kangama.

The organisers have invested thousands of dollars for the show and will launch an aggressive advertising campaign to promote the event. How the audience — and the star fans in Kuwait will react remains to be seen.



Saeed Jaffery in a scene from 'My Beautiful Laundrette.'

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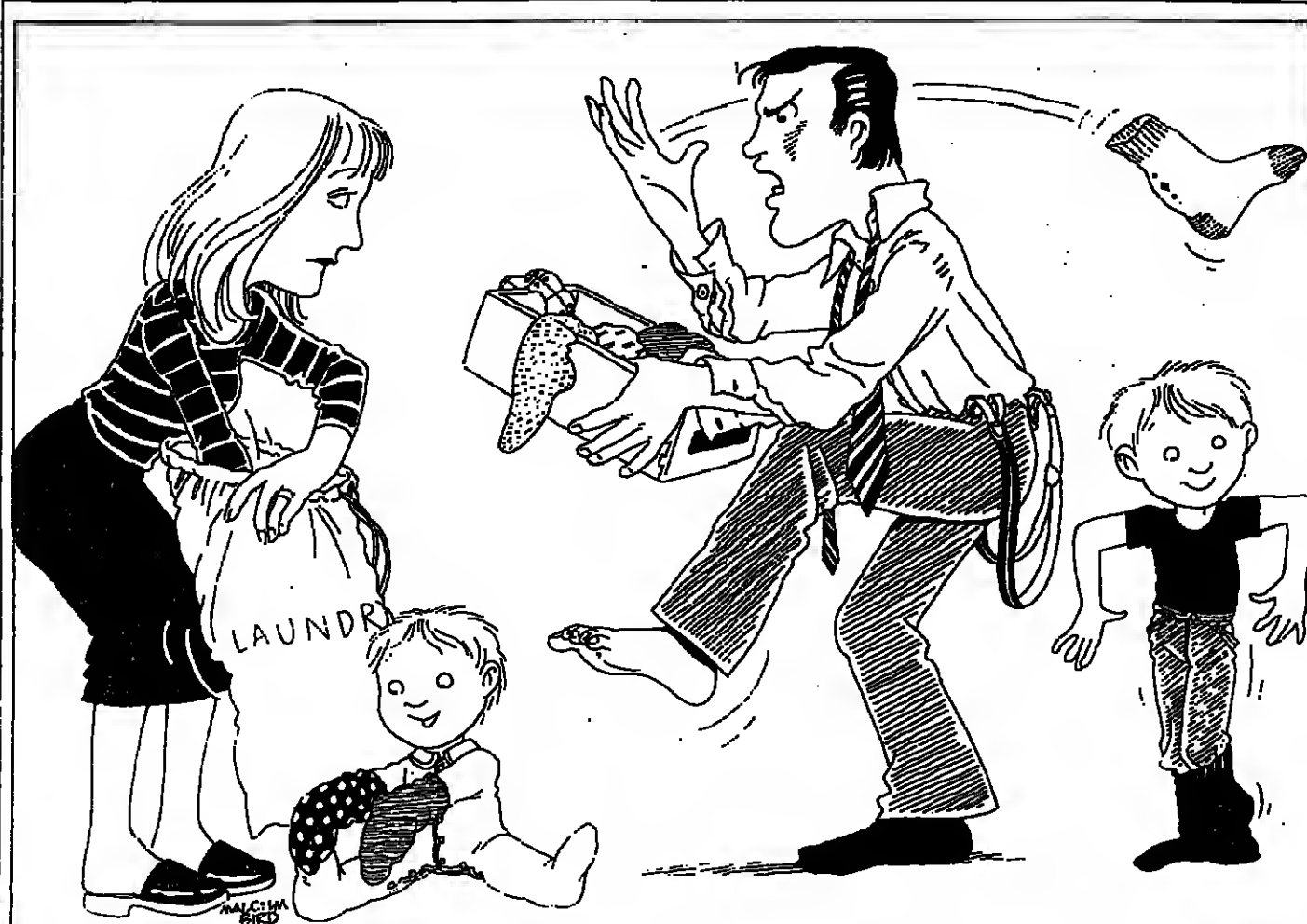
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The true meaning of being a pair

WHEN a man says, "For heaven's sake, I can't even find a decent pair of socks in this house," he may not be having a rational conversation about the lack of footwear per se, or even exhibiting the well-known male inability to see what is right in front of him.

"Subconsciously, he could be making a serious value-laden statement (usually an impolite one) about the impact of post-feminist philosophy on male/female relationship. Here's how to unravel the deeper meanings:

- "I just don't understand why there are never any socks," means: "I know you care about your career more than my comfort."
- "I haven't got a pair," means: "We are not a pair."
- "I don't ask for much — only a pair of socks," means: "I'll marry a slave girl next time around."
- "Isn't this the pair I was wearing yesterday?" means: "You are the pits."
- "I wonder where this odd sock came from," means: "You've gone and lost the other one, haven't you?"

Few things inspire such feelings of guilt and frustration or provoke such mutual suspicion and recrimination in an otherwise perfectly matched couple as a pile of odd socks.

Women see odd socks as a challenge to their

"Have you noticed how much time men spend talking and thinking about, let alone wearing, socks?" wails mother, writer, wife and sock-sorter Maggie Drummond. Prompted by her husband's obsession with the "little things in life" — like the whereabouts of his socks — she has rummaged through her laundry basket and come up with a book, mischievously entitled *The Joy of Socks*. Here she vents her frustration.

domestic competence. Men moan about them as part of life's natural disorder.

The practice in many households of allowing the odd socks to linger on, in the hopes that the partners will return, instead of just throwing them away and forgetting about them, merely compounds the problem.

This is a common neurosis known to sock theorists as *maSOCKism* — a syndrome particularly common among women. There is only one cure for this condition: put all the odd socks in a bag and throw them away. NOW.

Guests

Favourite sock hiding places are: behind the bread bin, in the corner of the duvet cover, in the children's toy cupboard, on the stairs and under the bed.

Worse spots are the washing machine pump

and occasionally down the backs of sofas, from which they are destined to be retrieved by unthinking house guests.

The odds against a match

WHAT happens to the other lost sock of the pair is one of the great mysteries of our time.

Yet despite the fact that most of us live within easy walking distance of at least 30 odd socks, no-one has yet made a proper scientific study of why you can put a dozen pairs in the wash and get 10 and a half pairs back plus one sock you've never seen before.

Singles night

A LANDLORD of the Three Nuns public house near Nottingham opened Britain's first sock exchange.

One or two evenings a month, regulars are invited

to bring their odd socks and swap them to make up a matching pair. The socks on offer are displayed on a big listings board.

A clean pair of heels?

YOU cannot just have socks anywhere. There are occasions when you should have no socks at all, because it simply isn't the donee thing.

In bed: Wearing socks in bed is ungentlemanly, particularly in company, since it creates an atmosphere of impermaence oot conducive to a satisfactory partnership.

On the beach: Sand and socks are not a comfortable combination though you can nearly always spot an enthusiastic pair struggling underneath.

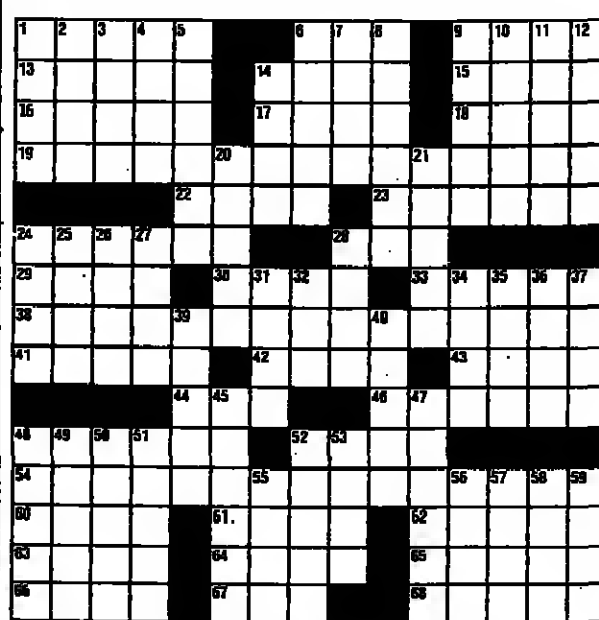
In a monastery: Sockular activities are frowned on. Monks are not supposed to have socks, are they? **Toeing the line**

WHAT'S IN: Safe socks — finely knit black cotton. Red Socks — for the Thinking Man. Canary Yellow — for the Talented Eccentric.

WHAT'S OUT: Short socks — few things are more unattractive than a sudden display of six inches of hairy white leg. Brown socks. Two-toe socks. Patterned socks.

Excerpted from *The Joy of Socks* By Maggie Drummond

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- The Wreck of the Mary
 - Haggard title
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 - Haw's partner
 - Emanation
 - It's mad in March?
 - Foals' mothers
 - Vary obstructs
 - Germen philosopher
 - Georg
 - Diamond covaring
 - Israel's Abba
 - Dog tags
 - Approbation
 - Taka for granted
 - Miffed
 - Untrustworthy
 - Offspring
 - Flat-bottomed boat
- DOWN**
- Have — on (claim)
 - Paradise
 - Seaweed
 - Exude fumes
 - Honor
 - Botanical partitions
 - Biblical verb
 - Ancient esoteric
 - Find out
 - Brilliance
 - Clamor
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 - European capital
 - Pocahontas's state
 - Greek letter
 - Great love, to a
 - Sloana ranger
 - Instrument of "snug as a bug in —"
 - Quien —?
 - Haarlem partner
 - Crafts partner
 - Nucleic acid
 - City N of Des Moines
 - Yokel
 - Arctur
 - Transmitted
 - Sky float
 - Boxas
 - Dig further
 - Old salt
 - Cash, for one
 - Skier's milieu
 - Trigonometric ratios
 - Perturbed
 - Church assembly
 - Percharon's repeat
 - Mystical poem
 - Protruberance
 - Black
 - Green land
 - Not as much

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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♥ K 7 5
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 6 3

WEST
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♥ J 10 6 3
♦ J 9 7 2
♣ Q J 10 9

EAST
♠ A 10 8 7
♥ Q 8 4
♦ Q 10 6
♣ 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 5 3
♥ A 9 2
♦ A K 5
♣ A K 8 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Our namesake, The Tentmaker,

wrote that the Bird of Time is on the

wing. South, declarer at three

trump, found that a slip in technique

resulted in this mythical feathered

friend escaping his grasp.

The only interesting point about

the auction is that North did not feel

it necessary to rebid his spade suit.

In this sequence a bid of three

spades should show at least a six-

card suit and a relatively balanced

hand, since it offers a choice of

contracts — three no trump or four

spades. (With an unbalanced hand

and six spades, North would go di-

rectly to four spades.)

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YOUR STARS



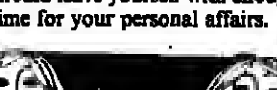
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Mercury's more favourable influence will help you to make up your mind. You should make sure you have got your facts right and that they are up to date. Do not trust too much to good luck. Be pertinent.



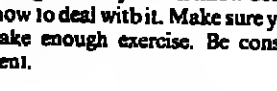
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You have the wind in your sails but must make sure you are heading in the right direction. You will be stimulated to do your best. Avoid making any rash promises. Be cordial.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will find a few more doors open but you should not rush them. Something you have thought of some time ago will now come into its own. You should leave as little as possible for later. Be more generous.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should have a little more faith and confidence in yourself. No good being apprehensive instead you should face the facts and concentrate on dealing with them. It would also be wrong to trust too much to luck. Be considerate.



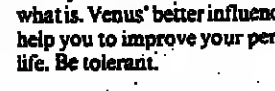
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should beware of making any important decision once you are tired. The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make you more unsure of yourself. You should leave yourself with enough time for your personal affairs.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will feel rather on the nervous side and should do your best to keep calm. You will be more persuasive but must not expect to have it all your own way. Make sure you do not neglect your health. Be moderate.



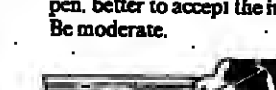
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will have a lot to do so there is no time to waste. You should also ensure that you do not allow yourself to be distracted. There is no point in just hoping it will not happen, better to accept the inevitable. Be moderate.



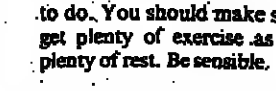
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be better able to deal with your financial affairs but only because you have managed to be more frugal. The Moon's more favourable influence combined with that of Uranus will help you to avoid making a bad mistake.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should do your best to overcome your doubts and anxieties. Indeed something you had feared might not happen. You will be proved right but you should not rub it in. Be forgiving.



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to be a little more clumsy and should take extra care. An older problem will reappear in a new guise but you will know better how to deal with it. Make sure you take enough exercise. Be consistent.

The Art Buchwald Column

'Mr President....'

the same age as me when he became President.

"You're not Harry Truman."

"That was uncalled for. Well, I better get ready. First, I will say a prayer for myself and the American people."

"That's a good idea, Mr President. The American people need one."

"Theo I'm going to meet with the President's Cabinet. I know all of them firsthand. What's the name of the little guy with the red hair?"

"His name is 'Red', sir."

"Okay, let's go and talk to the Cabinet. Hi, Doc. Hi, Sneezy. Hi, Dokey. Hi, Sleepy. Hi, Grumpy. Hi, Bashful. Hi, Happy... You didn't think I'd know all your first names, did you? Now I've called you together because the President has Moogolian flu and I'm in charge. I'm qualified to be President of the United States because I passed the most important job training bill in our history, and I know Margaret Thatcher personally. Are there any questions?"

"We have an explosive situation in the Middle

East, Mr President. The Iraqis and Iranians want to resume fighting. And if that isn't bad enough, Poland is hoisting over, Africa is being devastated by locusts, and Pinochet in Chile is rounding up the usual suspects again. What should we do, sir?"

"Calvin Coolidge wasn't any older when he faced a similar situation."

"With all due respect, sir, you're not Calvin Coolidge."

"That was really uncalled for."

"What action do you want us to take?"

"I'm going to relate a story that has prepared me for a moment such as this. I tell it at job training centres and high schools and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. My grandmother once said to me, 'You can do anything you want to, if you just set your mind to it and go to work.'"

"Now the Iraqis and

Iraqis may sneer at this common-sense advice, and the Poles may snicker, and Pinochet may laugh behind my back, but I'll choose my grandmother over them any time."



"I guess that should take care of the problems we face today, sir."

"I am no younger than

Checkers was when he moved into the White House."

"You're oo Checkers."

"Will you cut that out!"

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Egyptian finance firm offers property to depositors

CAIRO, Oct 19, (Reuters): Scores of investors in the Egyptian Islamic investment firm Al Rayan demanded the return of their deposits today and were offered real estate instead.

Witnesses said about 200 people went to the company's office 25 km (15 miles) southwest of Cairo to ask for their savings back.

Depositors said that instead of cash they were given forms with which they could seek real estate like farm plots, shops and offices in settlement of their accounts.

Company officials declined to comment.

Rayan has not paid depositors since a law was passed in June regulating privately-owned Islamic finance companies, the top half-dozen of which are estimated to control more than \$2 billion in deposits.

The law forced the companies, which operate on a risk-sharing basis because Islamic banks fixed interest, to go public. They have until Nov 8 to inform authorities whether they plan to comply with the law or close down.

Last week more than 300 angry depositors demonstrated outside President Hosni Mubarak's office demanding government help.

\$19.11m Kuwait Fund loan for Sudan

KUWAIT, Oct 19, (OPECNA): The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development is to extend a \$19.11 million loan to Sudan for its El Fashir water supply project.

The project will meet the growing demand for potable water in El Fashir city and neighbouring villages until the year 2004 through the utilisation of the available underground reservoir in the Sag El Niam area.

It will also reinforce existing water supply facilities and help improve the operations of the urban water supply corporation.

Scheme
The \$30 million scheme will include the construction of storage reservoirs with a total capacity of 6,250 cu. metres, in addition to the rehabilitation of a water reservoir in the Golo area and the extension of a water treatment plant in El Fashir.

Work on the project will start later this year and be completed in 1991.

CFC and banks sign loan pact

KUWAIT, Oct 19, (KUNA): Commercial Facilities Company (CFC) today signed here an agreement for \$60 million medium term loan as a club deal for 42 months with a group of banks and financial institutions, according to Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC) press release. It was arranged by KFTCIC. CFC board chairman Mesharey Khaled Al Zaid Al Khaled, in a statement, expressed satisfaction and pointed to the company's business expansion as a financial mediator between monetary institutions and customers.

Al Khaled thanked KFTCIC for making the agreement possible and praised its continuing support to CFC.

It's business as unusual, says broker

Traders yawn at crash anniversary

NEW YORK, Oct 19, (AP): The world faced the first anniversary of the worst stock panic in history today with cynicism, sullenness and the long-awaited government approval of automatic trading halts designed to foil another crash.

"It's business as unusual," said Arthur D. Cashin, a PaineWebber Group Inc. broker and governor on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, where prices hit a post-crash high on Tuesday despite less-than-bullish attitudes.

Trading remained so slow that dozens of brokers in the nation's biggest stock market stood around with little to do.

"If there's no fire, all you see is guys polishing the engines," Cashin said. "There's a lot of people on the sidelines. I would say the mood is sober, bordering on the sullen."

The atmosphere in the heart of this world financial centre contrasts sharply with the heart-stopping, stupefying frenzy of a year ago, when prices tumbled out of control and shattered a five-year bull market that only a month earlier had shown little sign of fading.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished Oct 19, 1987, with a record plunge from 2,246.73 points to 1,738.74, a 22.6 percent decline. By comparison, the percentage decline on Oct 28, 1929, was 12.8 per cent.

More than 600 million shares changed hands last year, nearly double the previous record.

It was a jolt that shook the financial world and threatened to bleed into the nation's banking system. Some analysts even said it augured an economic depression, and many raised fears of recession or, at least, uncertain times ahead.

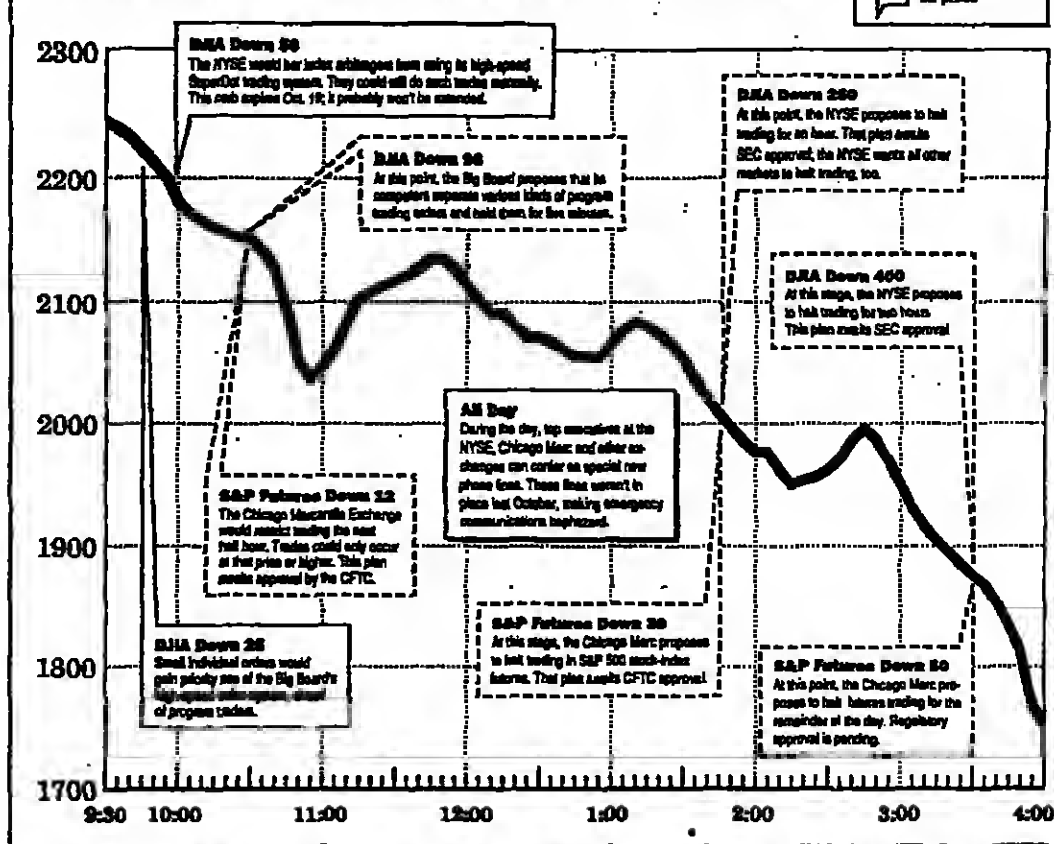
Since then, forecasts of recession have receded, while the Dow average and other key indices have recovered somewhat. Late Tuesday, a buying burst lifted the Dow average 19.38 points to 2,159.85, its highest post-crash close.

Uninjured
But many Wall Street professionals say the stock market remains uninjured, even though some of the best-known firms have exhausted investors to buy. They blame continuing uncertainty about the direction of interest rates and the nation's general economic health.

The exchange, alarmed about post-crash investor apathy and underlying fear of another crash, joined with other US financial markets in July in proposing "circuit breakers" — co-ordinated trading halts and price limits to avoid another panic. Late Tuesday, on the eve of the crash anniversary, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved these proposals, as expected.

The measures, approved on a

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one-year experimental basis, provided for a one-hour trading halt across markets when the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks plunges by 250 points or more from the previous day's closing. It calls for a two-hour halt when the Dow falls by 400 points.

It was a very scary time: Ellis

NYSE system still best, say market-makers

NEW YORK, Oct 19, (AP): A year ago today, the world seemed to be collapsing around Earl E. Ellis as he battled and screamed to keep order in three tumbling stocks.

"It was a very scary time," said Ellis, a market-maker on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, where prices collapsed in frenzied selling on Oct 19, 1987, put some of his colleagues out of business and severely stretched the limits of others. "There was disbelief and certainly fear."

He spent that night in a nearby hotel, rather than returning home. What really worried him, he said, was what would happen on Oct 20.

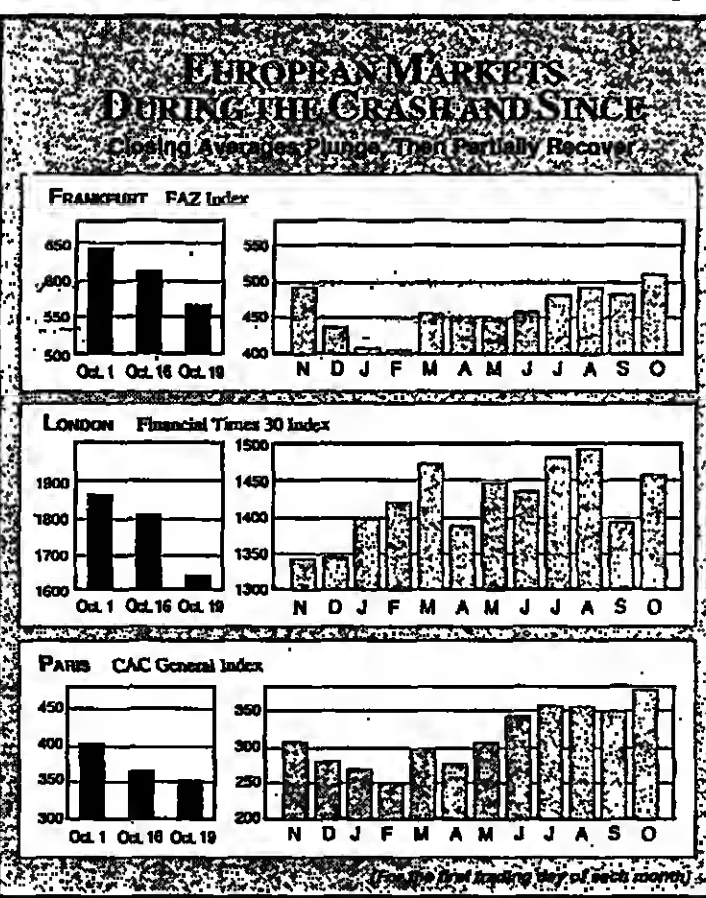
"Logic said it wasn't going to happen again," he said. "Emotions said it was."

Anxiety

In an interview on the eve of the anniversary of the worst stock panic of modern times, Ellis said the anxiety level has fallen sharply, but so has interest in stocks. Like other NYSE market makers, known as "specialists," Ellis is now more concerned with the absence of buyers and sellers, his head and butter.

"Ours is a business of feast or famine. Always has been, always will be," the 47-year-old said as he leaned against his trading post on the cavernous NYSE floor in lower Manhattan's jungle of skyscrapers. "It's certainly closer to famine now."

A partner in the specialist firm Benjamin Jacobson and Sons, Ellis has been in the business for more than a decade. During a typical day, he buys and sells thousands of shares in Amheuser, Busch, Tandem Computers and the Student Loan Marketing Association, known on Wall Street as Sallie Mae.



As a specialist, his company has what amounts to a franchise in these and 37 other stocks on the NYSE floor, acting as an intermediary for buy and sell orders from brokers stationed along the floor perimeters.

In return, the specialist is obliged to set opening prices and keep trading orderly, largely by selling from its own inventory when other sellers are scarce and buying when buyers are scarce. On Black Monday, Oct 19,

than \$1 billion in securities during the week of the crash.

The performance of the specialists was criticised in some post-crash studies, which called them a weakness in a system that experienced unprecedented strain.

But Ellis defended what he called the fairest and most efficient market system, even in

the face of new technologies that have replaced many of the trading functions once performed by humans.

"If you ask how the specialists did on Black Monday, you'd get a different answer from every one," Ellis said. "Some went out of business, some made bad mistakes. But one has to understand what a specialist does."

World Business Summary

EEC raises economic growth forecast for '88, '89

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct 19, (AP): The European Economic Community predicted today the EEC economy will grow by an average 3.5 per cent this year and by 2.75 per cent in 1989. The figures are up sharply from the EEC's last forecast issued on July 1, which foresaw growth of 2.75 and 2.25 per cent respectively for 1988 and 1989. "The forecasts this year are indeed very positive," the EEC commission said in a report to the 12 EEC states. "The economic prospects for the Community have significantly improved in recent months" and 1988 and 1989 should see the strongest economic growth "since the end of the 1970s," the report said. Its predicted growth rates for 1988 and 1989 of 3.5 and 2.75 per cent respectively, compare with 4 and 2.25 per cent for the United States. Japan's economy is set to grow by 5.5 and 3.75 per cent in 1988 and 1989, the report said. The EEC economy grew by 2.5 per cent on average in 1985, by 2.6 per cent in 1986 and by 2.9 per cent last year. The EEC commission said investments in the EEC will rise by 7 per cent in 1988 — the highest rate in 20 years and up from July's forecast of 4.8 per cent — and the EEC's average inflation rate of 3 per cent will match that of the economic boom years of the 1960s. "The success in fighting inflation and the convergence of inflationary performances in the (12 EEC) member countries are impressive," the commission said. It credited the optimistic outlook to healthy growth rates forecast notably for Spain, Portugal, Italy and Britain.

Iraq voices support for OPEC

BAGHDAD, Oct 19, (Reuters): Iraq pledged today to support the efforts of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to halt the slide in oil prices. "Iraq will work to support OPEC efforts to achieve stability in the oil market and stop prices sliding," Oil Minister Issam Abdelrahman Chalabi told the Iraqi news agency. Iraq has refused to observe an OPEC output ceiling because it demands a quota similar to Iran's. But Chalabi, who will lead the Iraqi delegation to OPEC ministerial meetings starting in Madrid on Thursday, told the agency Baghdad's policy was to support attempts by OPEC to stabilise markets because this was in its own interest. He said weak world prices for oil were partly caused by discounts offered by some exporters. Iraq was ready to discuss any positive ideas on a production accord which met "legitimate rights," Chalabi added. Iraq is now producing 2.7 million barrels per day (BPD), compared with Iran's 2.3 million BPD.

Exchange names new chairman

HONG KONG, Oct 19, (AP): The new governing council of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday named bank president Lee Quo-Wei as its chairman. It also announced the appointment of Francis Yuen as the exchange's chief executive to succeed Robert Fell, who was appointed to the post in the aftermath of last October's market crash. Prior to his appointment, Yuen was managing director of Citicorp Securities Vickers Hong Kong Ltd. Lee, head of Hang Seng Bank Ltd, was one of five nonbrokers appointed to the 22-member council by the government from outside the exchange's membership. The appointments completed a reform of the exchange's management, transforming the council from a virtual private club of local brokers into a more broadly representative body. The reform followed criticism of the closure of the market during last October's global crash and a bribery scandal that has resulted in the arrest of eight former exchange officials.

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Dollar likely to stay weak, say analysts

NEW YORK, Oct 19: After a sharp reversal of the US dollar's summer strength, analysts expect the currency to remain weak.

"Market sentiment, overall, has shifted from being bullish to being overwhelmingly bearish," says Richard Cameron, an assistant vice-president of asset management at Spavo Financial Corp. in New York, reports the Wall Street Journal.

"I think the market is definitely going to try and push the world's major central banks into taking some dollar-supporting intervention action," says Bob Hinton, a trader for Barclays Bank PLC. He says investors will probably sell dollars until they find the "bottom" allowed by the central banks.

Movements

Top monetary officials in Japan, while apparently not strongly concerned about the dollar's downturn, have hinted the Bank of Japan is poised to support the dollar if it drops precipitously from current levels. Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said on Friday the Bank of Japan will intervene in the currency market whenever there are "violent one-day

movements" in exchange rates.

Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita also stressed that the central bank "will act appropriately and flexibly" if needed to cope with currency and price movements.

The key word may be flexibly. "As long as markets are not disorderly, I think central banks are quite willing to allow a range" for the dollar, says Robert Chandroo, chief economist for Lloyds Bank in New York.

Fall

"One would have to assume there's an acquiescence," by central bankers in the decline in the dollar after a summer rally based on steadily rising short-term US interest rates, he adds.

"It's a little too early to say the dollar is resuming its previous downward trend," says Anthony Karydakos, money-market economist at Mitsubishi Bank here. He agrees, though, that there is "a new element of bearishness in the foreign-exchange market vis-a-vis the dollar."

Behind last week's sharp dollar fall were US economic data indicating a cooling in the US economic growth rate, com-

bined with news of a sharply widened US trade deficit in August.

Although traders remain wary of potential central bank activity to bolster the dollar at some point, many think the dollar's slide has yet to end.

Hinton of Barclays says intervention probably won't occur until the dollar threatens to plunge under 1.78 Deutsche marks and 125 yen.

Late Friday in New York, the dollar stood at DM1.8055 and Y126.55, having slid from DM1.8153 and Y127.43 a day earlier. On the week, the dollar was off about six pence and nearly seven yen from DM1.8620 and Y133.30 Oct 7.

Surge

Traders attribute much of Friday's dollar softening to the pound's surge on statements by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. She reiterated her intention to bring inflation down, she said Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson had done the "right thing" in raising interest rates earlier this year.

The British base lending rate currently stands at 12 per cent. Late Friday, the pound strengthened to \$1.7463, despite

reports the Bank of England had sold modest amounts of pounds for dollars.

The rise sparked the dollar's fall under key technical support at DM1.8100, which fuelled more bearish sentiment toward the US currency.

Rally

Aside from the pound's rally, traders say, the dollar was also hurt on Friday by September US retail sales and industrial production figures that fell short of market expectations.

While the US economy is not seen as weak, traders are disappointed that recent data have not shown the "momentum" needed to induce tighter monetary policy, says Stephen Leach, a currency analyst for Chemical Bank.

Leach thinks central banks won't intervene by buying dollars in the near future unless the dollar's fall significantly accelerates. "The central banks will be in if things move sharply," he said, but "the central banks are not against gradual moves." He believes central bankers are "not uncomfortable" with the dollar trading in broad ranges of DM1.75 to DM1.90 and Y120 and Y135.

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	202/0
ABBOTT LFE	05.73	
ADT LTD	133/0	
ALD LYONS	484.0	
AMSTRAD	208.0	
ARGYLE GP	78.32	
ASDA GP	159.0	
BAA	283/0	
BTR	294/0	
BAT INDS	450.0	
BARCLAYS	22.57	
BASS	795/0	
BEAZER	190.0	
BEECHAMS	478/0	
BERISFORD	403.0	
BICC PLC	395.0	
BLUE ARROW	96.50	
SLUE CIRC	464.0	
BOC GP	419.0	
BOOTS CO	24.77	
BPB INDS	253/0	
BR COM	162/0	
BR AIRWAY	247/0	
BR AEROSP	486.0	
BR GAS RG	69.33	
BR GAS RT	171/0	
BR LAND	353/0	
B.P.	245.0	
B.P.-PP	143/0	
BR TELCO	244.0	
BURNAH OL	541/0	
BURTON	08.02	
CABLESWIT	404.0	
CADBURYS	87.38	
COATS VIT	172.0	
COMI UNI	348/0	
CONS GOLD	220/0	
COOKSON	275.5	
COURTAULD	304/0	
DALGETY	339/0	
DIXONS	48.06	
ENG CHINA	513.0	
ENTER OIL	595.0	
FCI BANC	130.0	
FERRANTI	99/0	
FISONS	266/0	
GATEWAY	172.0	
GEN ACCID	877/0	
GEN ELEC	168/0	
GLAXO	115/0	
GRANDADA	326.0	
GLOBE	145.5	
GLYNED	297.0	
GUARD RYL	188/0	
GKN	322.0	
GUINNESS	343/0	
IMMERSA	659/0	
IRANIAN	50.75	
IRANIAN C	640/0	
IRAKER SIO	544.0	
HILLSDOWN	79.72	
ICI	053.5	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	746/0	746/0
2ND GROUP	112/0	112/0
A.AMER TS	361/4	363/0
A.S.ELECT	430/0	431/0
A.S.E.WLD	194/0	195/0
AAB KENT	74/0	73/0
AAH KENT	252/0	252/0
ARROWSON	128/0	128/0
ADDISON	31/0	31/0
ADOMEST	338/0	338/0
ALEX WRM	177/0	179/0
ALEXON	344/0	345/0
ALLD COLL	133/4	134/0
ALLD IR B	269/0	269/0
ALLD LON	133/0	133/0
ALLD PLNT	99/0	60/0
ALLIANCE	845/0	846/0
AMBER DAY	52/0	52/0
AMEC	358.0	358.0
AMER TST	130/2	131/0
AMERSHAM	586/0	586/0
ANI NLTC	246/0	246/0
ANGLIA TV	208/0	207/0
ANSHACHEN	84/0	83/0
APPLYARD	462/0	463/0
APV PLC	126/0	127/0
ASHLEY LA	111/0	112/0
ATTWOODS	301/0	303/0
AUTO SECS	281/0	280/0
AVDEL PLC	74/4	74/4
AVIS EUR	337/0	336/0
AVON RUBB	71/0	70/0
B.WEIMILL	186/0	186/0
BAILL JAP	449/0	449/0
BAILL SHI	76/4	76/4
BAIRD (M)	235/0	235/0
BANK IRE	267/0	269/0
BANKER IT	75/4	76/0
BARKER RD	129/0	129/0
BAROT DEV	172/0	173/0
BAYNES C	31/0	31/0
BBR GROUP	169/0	170/0
BEA B.VT	4/0	4/0
BEAR BRND	9/6	10/0
BEATTIE J	149/0	150/0
BEJAM GP	158/0	159/0
BEHAVEN	53/0	53/0
BELLWAY	245/0	246/0
BENROSE	216/0	216/0
BEHLUX HD	51/0	51/0
BHIM GROUP	105/0	106/0
BK OF SCO	355/0	355/0
BLCK LE 2	13/6	14/0
BLMST +F	37/0	37/0
BOAME MS	239/0	239/0
BOODINUS	159/0	160/0
BODY SHOP	600/0	603/0
BOOTHENR	398/0	398/0

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCN COM	33/2	33/2
ATLANTIC R	81/5	81/5
AAR CORP	25/3	25/1
ABBOTT LAB	48/4	48/4
ACME GLVD	9/0	9/1
ADV MICRO	9/4	9/4
AEROFIL LAB	7/1	7/2
AETNA LIFE	51/4	51/5
AMERSON	17/5	17/2
AIR PR-CHM	41/7	41/6
ALASKA AIR	22/0	21/5
ALBERTSONS	36/7	36/6
ALBMA 8-16	0	82/4
ALCAN ALUM	31/4	31/2
ALCO STD	26/0	25/6
AM CYMAD	49/4	49/2
AM ELET PU	27/4	27/4
AM NOM PRO	80/3	80/2
AM NOM PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STWARD	0	77/7
AM STORES	60/0	59/2
AM TEL-TEL	27/4	27/3
AMOCO CORP	74/5	74/3
AMP INC	44/6	44/5
AMCO PITT	12/7	12/6
AMR CORP	49/3	49/6
AMR GEN CO	34/6	34/6
AMERADA	27/5	27/5
ANTHEM ELE	9/2	9/2
APACHE CO	6/5	6/8
APPL 8-12	36/1	36/0
ARMSTRONG	33/6	34/0
ASHLAND OIL	33/6	34/0
ASIA PACIF	6/0	6/1
ATLS CORP	36/7	36/6
AVERY INT	23/7	23/6
AVNET INC	19/3	19/4
AVON PRODS	23/7	23/6
BCE INC	32/2	32/2
BELL SOUTH	42/3	42/1
BELO CP A	27/5	27/4
BETH STEEL	21/2	21/1
BEVERLY	5/4	5/4
BK BOSTON	28/4	28/3
BK BOSTN-A	0	40/4
BK N-YORK	35/6	35/6
BK N-YORK	39/2	39/2
BANKAMERICA	16/5	16/4
BANKAM SPEC	7/0	7/1
BOEING CO	67/0	67/0
BOISE CASG	43/3	43/5
BND IN GLD	0	8/3
BORDEN	57/6	56/4
BOATYER	28/0	27/6
BOYER TELECOM	43/2	43/0
BRIDGES-STR	30/0	30/0
BRIST-MYER	44/3	44/4
BRUNSWICK	19/6	19/7
BURDIT CO	17/1	17/5
C 3 INC	13/0	13/0
CANADIAN CORP	39/2	39/1
CARRS LTD	26/0	25/7
CAS FREIGHT	27/0	27/1
CAS MAT 68	15/1	15/0
CAS-COOKER	28/7	29/0
CATERPILL	58/6	59/0
CB I MD	27/2	27/2
CBS	180/0	179/5
CENTEL CP	44/6	44/4
CHAMP INTL	32/0	31/0
CHAMP SPA	13/0	13/0
CHARTER CO	4/2	4/2
CHASE MAN	29/7	29/7
CHENED CP	33/7	33/6
CHENIC BNC	31/5	31/4
CHEVRON	47/2	47/2
CHRYSLER	26/2	26/2
CHRYSLER	58/6	57/6
CHRYSLER	6/6	6/7
CIGNA CORP	52/5	52/3
CIGNA CORP	22/2	22/3
CIR CIT GR	43/6	43/6
CIR CLE	13/2	13/2
CITICORP	25/4	25/3
CLARK EQUI	30/4	30/4
CLOROX	32/7	32/6
CMPL RES	0	1/00
CND PACIFIC	32/7	32/7
COACHMEN	10/1	10/1
COASTAL	33/5	33/3
COCA-COLA	42/7	42/6
COLECO	1/3	1/3
COLEMAN CO	41/1	41/0
COLG-PALIN	47/1	47/1
COLUMBUS-C	34/1	34/3
COM EDISON	31/4	31/2
COM EDISON	31/6	31/4
COM EDISON	45/4	45/4
CONTINENTAL	40/1	40/0
CONTEL ILL	40/4	40/4
CONTEL CP	37/6	37/3
CONTEL DATA	21/3	21/2
COOPER T-R	26/6	26/2
COOPER CORP	6/6	6/7
CORNING GL	64/3	64/4
CRANE	24/1	24/1
CRAT RES	71/2	71/0
CULINTEL	6/3	6/3
DANIEL IND	8/7	8/7
DATA GEN	19/1	18/6
DATAPoint	4/6	4/7
DAYTON HLD	43/3	42/6
DAYTON HLD	9/0	9/0
DEERE-CO	51/0	51/0
DELTA AIR	51/0	51/0
DIAMOND SH	14/7	14/6
DIEBOLD	37/6	38/0
DISNET V	66/4	66/4
DOVER CORP	30/6	30/4
DON CHEMIC	92/2	91/4
DON JONES	34/0	34/0
DRESSER IH	28/6	28/6
DREYFUS	26/2	26/0
DUKE POWER	47/2	47/2
ELI LILLY	54/7	54/6
EMERSON	83/4	82/4
DUSHEINE	16/3	16/3
DYNASTICS	23/2	23/1
E SYSTEMS	32/3	32/2
EAGLE PICH	29/3	29/3
EASTERN G	23/4	23/4
EMERSON EL	30/7	30/7
EMERSON RA	3/5	3/5
ETWYL CP	22/3	22/2
EXON	45/3	45/3
FAN DOL ST	15/4	15/4
FED NAT MD	50/4	50/4
FIELDCREST	23/2	23/0
FIN COR-AN	0	13
FLEETWOOD	24/6	24/7
FNC CORP	33/5	33/6
FORD MOTOR	52/7	52/3
FORD MOTOR	52/6	52/6
FORD MOTOR	29/4	29/2
FREDD IND	15/5	15/6
FST BANC	21/1	21/0
FST BOSTON	50/0	49/7
FST CHICAG	33/5	33/4
FST INTERS	49/1	49/3
GAF CORP	48/2	48/2
GANNETT CO	34/6	34/4
GALVESTON	1/4	1/5
GATX CORP	51/3	51/3
GCA DATA	4/1	4/1

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 IND	1513.2	1509.5	1510.9	1476.5
FT 500 SHR	0	1052.1	1052.6	1030.5
FT ALL SEC	0	964.35	965.05	946.27
FT GVS SEC	89.37	89.21	88.86	87.92
FT GOLD IN	174.9	176.4	174.1	171.6
FT NINES F	0	573.84	572.87	596.93
FT OIL	0	1772.6	1772.8	1765.2
FT MLD DLR	131.35	130.94	130.94	125.62
FT MLD STG	111.18	111.06	111.06	110.62
FT MLD LOC	117.30	117.25	117.25	116.01

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES END FIRM ON 1987 CRASH ANNIVERSARY
LONDON, OCT 19, REUTER - U.K. EQUITIES STOOD FIRM IN LATE TRADING WITH INVESTORS SHOWING LITTLE REACTION TO THE FACT THAT TODAY WAS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER 19, 1987 GLOBAL STOCK MARKET SLUMP, DEALERS SAID.
THE FTSE 100 AT 1430 GMT WAS UP 10.4 AT 1,513.2, WHICH COMPARES WITH ONE YEAR AGO WHEN THE INDEX ENDED "BLACK MONDAY" A NET 249.6 POINTS LOWER AT 2,052.3. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY A YEAR AGO, THE FTSE 100 DROPPED A FURTHER 250.7 POINTS TO 1,801.6, AND THEN SLID TO A POST-CRASH LOW OF 1,515 POINTS ON NOVEMBER 10.
VOLUME AT 1400 GMT TODAY WAS 423 M LN SHARES, AGAINST AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 600 M LN A DAY DURING THE MID-OCTOBER CRASH.
ANALYSTS SAID THE LONDON MARKET HAS PERFORMED POORLY, WHEN COMPARED WITH MOST OTHER WORLD STOCK MARKETS, SINCE THE CRASH.
MANY THOUGHT THE RECENT RISE IN U.K. INTEREST RATES HAD A LOT TO DO WITH THE CONTINUED RESISTANCE TO INVEST IN U.K. STOCKS, AS THE SHORT-TERM STERLING MONEY MARKET WAS CURRENTLY YIELDING JUST UNDER 12 PCT AND SHORT GILTS (U.K. GOVERNMENT BONDS) JUST UNDER 10 PCT. EQUITIES AT PRESENT YIELD AROUND FIVE PCT, THEY SAID.
"WHY SHOULD ANYONE RISK THEIR HARD-EARNED CASH IN A VULNERABLE EQUITY MARKET WHEN THEY CAN GET 12 PCT OR MORE AT THEIR LOCAL HIGH STREET BANK?" ONE EQUITY TRADER SAID.

London Gold

LONDON, OCT 19, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED A FRACTION EASIER THAN YESTERDAY'S CLOSE, BUT SHOWED A STRONGER PERFORMANCE THIS AFTERNOON, LED BY A RISE IN CRUDE OIL PRICES WHICH HELPED PARE THIS MORNING'S LOSSES, DEALERS SAID.
GOLD CLOSED AT 411.25/411.75 OLSR AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE OF 412.00/412.50 OLSR BUT ABOVE THIS MORNING'S FIX OF 410.80 OLSR.
ALTHOUGH GOLD SAW GENERALLY GOOD INTER-DEALER BUSINESS THIS MORNING, CONSUMER INTEREST WAS ABSENT THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WITH THE PRECIOUS METAL CONFINED TO A NARROW TRADING RANGE BETWEEN 409.50 AND 412.25.

London Money Market

LONDON, OCT 19, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE LITTLE CHANGED IN LATE TRADING BUT CONTINUED TIGHTNESS AT THE SHORT END SPILLED OVER INTO THE NEARER PERIODS.
"THE MARKET HAS BEEN DEAD TODAY," ONE MONEY BROKER SAID.
ADDITION MOST EXPECT BATES TO STAY AT 12 PCT FOR SOME TIME.
RECENT U.K. ECONOMIC DATA, INCLUDING THIS WEEK'S RETAIL SALES FIGURES, AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS HAVE LED OPERATORS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT BRITISH BATE RATES WILL INTERBANK RATE UNEXPECTEDLY BAD NEWS. THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE REFLECTED THIS VIEW -- UNMOVED AT 12-11-15/16 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

OLR	STG	DMK	FFR	CPG
OLR	1.7495/7505	3.1633/70	10.7965/8095	NOON
STG	1.8044/8124	3.1607/74	29.22/38	NOON
DMK	6.1685/1805	10.807/825	34.102/66	FIX
FFR	1.5267/5277	2.6730/6763	84.42/52	24.74/76
NFL	2.0395	3.57515	112.72	33.025
ECU	1.14668	6.53938	2.07000	7.07961
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YEN	127.10/20	222.32/63		
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Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	311.3	310.4	306.5	259.3
AUSTRIA	240.0	238.0	234.5	215.4
BELGIUM	415.6	416.8	416.2	260.2
CANADA	366.8	365.5	365.2	330.7
DENMARK	473.3	471.3	468.7	336.6
FRANCE	398.3	395.8	401.3	288.5
GERMANY	201.6	199.4	199.8	156.6
HONG KONG	1924.3	1923.6	1923.7	1844.3
FINLAND	113.5	114.0	113.4	112.1
ITALY	468.3	456.6	449.9	377.4
JAPAN	1265.5	1276.7	1274.2	1289.0
NETHERLANDS	261.6	261.6	261.2	215.9
NEW ZEAL	95.6	95.1	95.9	98.9
NORWAY	486.5	481.1	481.6	392.4
SINGAPORE	587.7	579.7	575.2	473.1
SPAIN	254.3	254.1	253.0	209.5

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Four Lebanese pounds bought one US dollar in early 1984 but the currency has since plunged in value as the divided government proved incapable of ending the civil war.

Gold eases

Stock markets firm on anniversary of '87 crash

LONDON, Oct. 19. (Reuters): Stock markets around the globe marked the first anniversary of the crash of 87 with modest gains today, led by Wall Street which was at its highest since "Black Monday" last October 19.

Wall Street in early New York trading extended a rally which had on Tuesday taken the Dow Jones Industrial Average up 19 points to its best close since last year's crash.

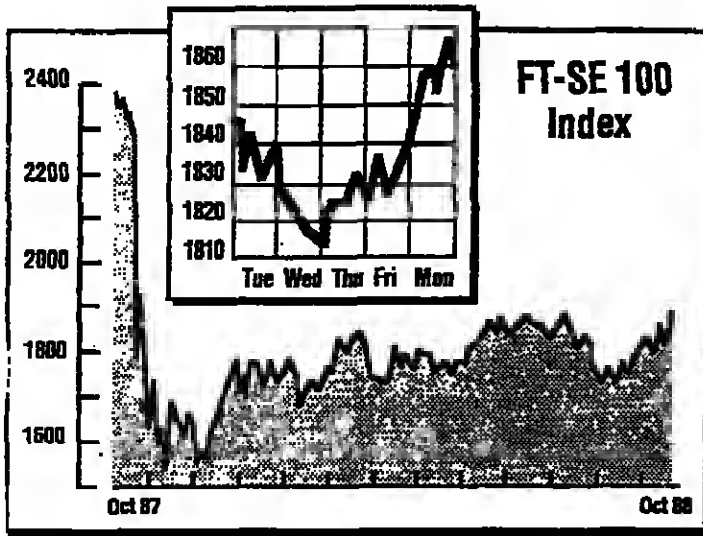
The Dow put on nine more points to 2,169 this morning before easing a little. Ned Collins, a trader in New York with Daiwa Securities, said the market was "giving a good account of itself" despite some caution because of the anniversary of the 1987 stampede.

Higher
New York led several Asian and European markets higher, continuing a rebound in world share values which has occurred this year, although Tokyo is the only major market to have recovered all the losses suffered in the crash one year ago.

Wall Street is still about 20 per cent down, and London 24 per cent, from peaks touched shortly before "Black Monday" ended a feverish, five-year "bull run" by world stock markets.

Wobble
"The notion of an anniversary wobble rather than an overdone recovery," a London share dealer said on Thursday, pointing to calm trading conditions which contrasted with the pandemonium of a year ago.

A routine day shaped up in



other financial and commodity markets. The dollar was little changed in dull currency trading. Gold eased slightly from recent one-month highs, tracking weaker crude oil prices.

The weakness in crude oil, which abated fears of inflation and higher interest rates, was among factors behind the Wall Street rally on Monday.

A huge \$11.5 billion bid from cigarette king Philip Morris for Kraft Foods also "got a lot of people excited about stocks," said John Groveman, head trader at Landenburg Thalmann on Wall Street.

Sliding
A year ago, the only thing people seemed to want to do was bail out. Shares were sliding around the globe on fears that recurrent,

huge US trade deficits would send the dollar into a free fall, force America to hike interest rates and cause a slump.

Wall Street dropped 508 points last October 19. The Dow's Tuesday close of 2,159.85 contrasts with the low touched then at 1,738.40 and an all-time record in August 1987 of 2,722.42.

While Wall Street is still about 20 per cent down from that peak, Tokyo's Nikkei index has been back to an all-time high since the crash, having proved the most resilient market.

Tokyo prices were firm today, although not much business was done. "The market is up because New York hit a new post-crash high," said a broker in Tokyo.



Share dealers at one of London's stockbrokers go about their daily business on the anniversary of stock market crash a year ago. Yesterday's trading was normal. (Reuters wirephoto)

"It's encouraging to see the market on the upside but volume is not exciting."

Record
The Nikkei index rose 151.69 points or 0.56 per cent to 27,293.67. But this was some way below the Nikkei's record close this August 5, of 28,423.38 points.

Elsewhere in Asia, the Hong

Kong market was closed for a holiday but Australian shares rose taking the All-Ordinaries index up 6.8 to 1,578.4.

London shares marked the crash anniversary with the FTSE index of 100 blue chips rising almost 10 points to 1,866 at mid-session — compared with the October 19, 1987 close of 2,052.3 and the post-crash low of 1,515

touched in November 1987.

In Frankfurt, West German shares continued a rally in lively early trading, bolstered by a higher close on Wall Street, a firmer domestic bond market and a stable dollar, dealers said.

Reason
French shares opened steady. "Technically, there's no reason for the market to be good," a dealer said. But others said Wall Street's advance put heart into French traders.

The dollar traded at around 1.8070 West German marks and 127 yen in London at midday after closing on Tuesday at 1.8050 and 126.65 yen.

A year after "Black Monday," US trade deficits are smaller but still huge — \$122 billion this August compared with \$15 billion in August 1987 — and the dollar is again under some pressure after rallying this summer from all-time lows touched in January.

Stabilise
But dealers said central banks have been co-operating to stabilise currencies and fears that they would intervene to support the dollar now were deterring would-be sellers.

Prices for gold hulled, a traditional hedge against inflation, eased today following a decline in crude oil prices. It was fixed at \$410.80 an ounce this morning, down from Tuesday's close of \$412.25.

Oil prices were weaker with typical North Sea Brent hedd crude quoted in Europe for loading in December around \$12.60 a barrel.

Bonn hopes to play vital role in Soviet economic overhaul

BONN, West Germany, Oct. 19. (AP): Attracted by a reform-minded leadership in Moscow, West Germany hopes to launch major new economic initiatives to cash in on ambitious plans to overhaul the Soviet economy, officials said on Tuesday.

A new \$3 billion mark (\$1.6 billion) West German credit to the Kremlin signed this week has buoyed optimism among businesses in this staunch NATO country.

"We believe that West Germany can play a leading role in making modernisation possible in the Soviet Union," said Reinhard Krause, an economics ministry spokesman.

West Germany has long enjoyed good economic relations with Moscow, and remains the communist nation's highest Western trading partner despite declines in recent years. Chancellor Helmut Kohl visits Moscow next week.

Reform
Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's economic reform initiatives have fuelled even more interest in establishing closer economic and political ties, Krause told the Associated Press.

Officials in Bonn see broadening opportunities for more joint ventures and for increased West German participation in the consumer and supply sectors.

West German firms are currently involved in 13 joint ventures in the Soviet Union, and 35 more are under negotiation.

"The Soviet Union is clearly interested in quickly improving the quality of consumer services to its citizens," Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said.

"This is a political opportunity that could lead to many new contracts with West German firms," Stoltenberg told reporters after meeting with industrialists in Berlin.

The West German enthusiasm in the economic sphere is matched by a growing positive public perception of Gorbachev and his reform policies.

According to a new poll released by the Munich-based Sinus Institute on Tuesday, 84 per cent of West Germans think

positively about Gorbachev, 41 per cent said they like the Soviets and 51 per cent judged the Soviet leader's reform initiatives positively.

Important groundwork for expanding West German trade with the Soviet Union was laid on Monday with the signing of the \$3 billion mark (\$1.6 billion) credit agreement, the biggest foreign credit ever extended by West German banks.

Deutsche Bank AG, which heads the consortium of banks, signed the agreement with Moscow's Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs.

The credit line was set up to finance West German exports primarily in the food, leather, textile and clothing sectors.

But West German economic officials say they hope to expand well beyond those areas.

An economics ministry report said that the Soviet Union holds the potential for a "wide field of economic co-operation and export opportunities" in the areas of agriculture, energy, environmental technology, medical equipment and light and heavy machinery.

The report said the Soviets have drawn up a list of German firms they are interested in dealing with.

"There is enormous potential here," said Peter Pietsch, a finance and trade expert at Frankfurt's Commerzbank.

"The Soviet Union has tremendous market potential for West Germany and other Western nations," Pietsch said. "By helping the Soviet Union modernise now, we can create the climate and conditions for an even larger trade market in future."

Economic ties will top the agenda in talks between Gorbachev and Chancellor Helmut Kohl next week in Moscow, West German officials have said.

In addition to negotiations for more joint ventures in the Soviet Union, West Germany hopes to reach agreements to take part in projects ranging from the development of the mineral-rich Kola peninsula in the northwest to the country to the construction of factories.

Bahrain to build \$200m petrochemical plant

BAHRAIN, Oct. 19. (Reuters): Bahrain is finalising plans to build a \$200 million petrochemical plant, industry sources said today.

They said the US construction giant Bechtel Group would take an equity stake in the proposed plant, which will have an annual capacity of 100,000 tonnes each of propylene and polypropylene.

An official of the Bechtel Ltd subsidiary in London told Reuters a preliminary proposal had been submitted to the Bahrain government and the company planned to help market the products to Europe and the Far East.

Project
"We hope to develop the project in conjunction with the Bahrain government," he said. "A full feasibility study will be submitted by the end of the year."

The official, who asked not to be identified, said work could begin within the first quarter of 1989 and would be completed within 30-33 months. He would give no further details.

The Bahrain-based sources said the government was negotiating with banks to finance the project.

The Bahrain National Gas Co. would supply propane for processing the materials, they added.

Propylene and polypropylene are used to make a wide range of moulded plastic products such as bottles, pipes and furniture.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct. 19. (Reuters): The market closed higher as a positive balance of payments figure boosted industrial stocks. The All Ordinaries index rose 6.8 to 1,578.4.

TOKYO: Prices gained on the anniversary of the 1987 crash but trading was slow. The Nikkei index rose 151.69 to 27,293.67.

HONG KONG: Market closed for holiday.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed marginally higher across the board for the third day but off their early highs in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 3.07 to 1,019.16.

BOMBAY: Trading halted after reports that a member was among the 130 people killed in a plane crash in eastern India. The exchange will be closed tomorrow for a religious holiday.

FRANKFURT: Shares continued to rally in active trading, closing just off a 1988 high for the second straight day. The Dax index rose 8.58 to 1,304.37.

PARIS: Prices were up strongly at mid-session in active trading, boosted by the spate of takeover bids in major world markets.

LONDON: UK equities stood firm in late trading with investor showing little reaction to the anniversary. The FTSE 100 index at 14:50 GMT was up 10.4 to 1,867.4.

NEW YORK: Stocks were lower at midday, giving up small early gains. They fell as oil prices, an inflation indicator, rose. The Dow was down eight at 2,152.

Gulf banking slims down and shares up

DUBAI, Oct. 19. (Reuters): Gulf bankers, looking at a new era of cheap oil and tough markets, are taking to heart a Darwinian principle of evolution — only those equipped for the future will survive.

"Ten years, even five years ago, it was not difficult to make money — now some managers have woken up to the fact they have to work harder," said a Bahraini monetary official.

Recent figures and profit returns show the Gulf banking community does have a place in the future but that more hard work is needed to ensure success, bankers in the region said.

Bahrain's offshore centre and the hazy, trade-related banking of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates are the best centres to take the pulse of the region.

Painful
In Bahrain, the international banks have had a painful decade, first, they are hit with billions of dollars in bad loans after the Arab oil wealth they had recycled to developing nations backfired

when the debts went sour.

Then, collapsing oil prices wiped out the region's main source of new funds and caused a local recession, creating more bad debtors in the bank's own backyard, particularly amongst heavily-extended Saudi Arabian companies.

"The corporate lending which sustained the boom years is over," said one US banker.

Assets
Total dollar assets of Bahrain's offshore banks are beginning to recover. Latest Bahrain Monetary Agency figures show the end-June total at \$63.19 billion from \$8.30 a year ago and a low of around \$2 billion in early 1987.

Licensed offshore banks, however, have fallen to 63 from a peak of well over 70.

Successful banks say they cut overheads, wrote off the worst loans, went for new business, and have developed new skills, especially investment and private banking.

The recent history of Saudi

American Bank is a case in point. It saw net profits for the quarter ending on September 30 almost triple to 174 million riyals (\$46.4 million), after a 36 per cent fall in the same period a year ago.

The bank said it set aside 110 million riyals (\$29.3 million) in provision for the period, compared with 125 million (\$33.3 million) a year ago.

Sentiment
In February it became the first to make a market in Turkish treasury bills. Recently the bank opened a wholly-owned investment company in Geneva called Samba Finance to offer Saudi customers worldwide investment services.

Banks in the commercial centre of Dubai never suffered as badly as their Bahraini brothers. Long established traders' banks such as Standard Chartered, British Bank of the Middle East (BBME) and the National Bank of Dubai moved along nicely.

"It's unglamorous business but it gives good returns," said a

British banker in Dubai.

The end of the Iran-Iraq war has helped improve sentiment. The war never touched most Gulf Arab states directly.

"But management in London and New York would see the war on television, say: 'Gee, are we doing business there?' And think they better close up shop," said another US banker.

Dubai bankers see increased business when the former combatants get round to reconstructing their economies. They also predict a rise in re-export trade elsewhere as foreign exporters see they are no longer entering war zones.

Business
However, one local banker said the loss of war-related business, such as ship repairs and some exports to Iran, could balance some of this out.

Local monetary authorities are also taking an increasing interest in monitoring the health of their banking sectors. The Bahrain Monetary Agency is applying the eight per cent

capital adequacy rule that the Bank of International Settlements has laid down as a standard.

Problems remain. One is a lack of skilled personnel to manage the new areas of business.

"Why should young bankers or traders come, even for more money, when they know they will be stepping outside the career ladder of the big banks in the US and Europe?" Asked a locally-based investment bank manager.

Importance
This in turn reflects the rise of global trading, which has reduced the Gulf's importance as a time zone linking Asia with Europe. "Europeans are closing later, the Europeans are opening earlier," said an Arab banker in Bahrain.

Bankers said there was also a danger that in an already over-banked region there would be a scramble to get into new business areas, that the number of players would again capsize the boat and some would drown in the process.

Sheikh Ali appeals for unity

OPEC launches new offensive to heal output rift

MADRID, Oct. 19. (Reuters): OPEC states have begun a diplomatic offensive to mend a rift between Iran and Iraq over oil production, but their opening positions suggested today that talks on reunifying the cartel would be far from smooth.

Negotiations on two key committees, due to start in Madrid on Thursday, will bring the two nations to the bargaining table for the first time since an August Gulf war ceasefire and could thrust Algeria into the role of peace-maker.

Pact
The talks are aimed at bringing Iraq back into the 13-nation organisation's production sharing pact, an essential first step towards reversing a price slide which has pushed oil \$5 to \$6 a barrel below OPEC's \$18 reference point and raised the spectre of a 1986-style crude price crash.

Kuwait's Oil Minister, Sheikh

Ali Al Khalifa, made another appeal for unity today as he left Kuwait for Madrid, but Iran's minister hinted that the talks could be far from cordial.

Gholamreza Azagadeh, quoted by Tehran Radio before setting off from Tehran, said political differences should not be allowed to overshadow the Madrid talks.

He added bluntly: "If political differences continue in OPEC, the session will face difficulties in solving the problems facing the organisation."

Analysts
Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdelrahim Chalabi, expressing support for OPEC efforts to stop the oil price fall, said in an interview with the Iraqi News Agency that Baghdad was ready to discuss any positive ideas on a production accord which met "legitimate rights."

He did not elaborate, but oil

analysts said they presumed "legitimate rights" referred to Iraq's demand for quota parity with Iran.

The priority will be to reintegrate Iraq which has refused to abide by production agreements for more than two years after Iran hocked its demand for an equal quota with its Gulf war foe. The two nations are still officially at war, with UN-sponsored peace talks bogged down in a series of disputes.

Oil market analysts have warned that failure to reach progress on the Iran-Iraq row in Madrid would dampen chances of reaching a new agreement to restrain output at a meeting of all 13 OPEC ministers due to open in Vienna on Nov 21.

Drop
World oil markets will be watching nervously for any signal that Iran might drop its persistent refusal to allow Iraq to

produce as much oil as it does. Today, prices firmed in London and New York on the Kuwaiti minister's call for unity.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude on spot oil markets, firmed to \$13.30 for December delivery in Europe late this afternoon after closing in Tokyo at \$12.85.

Sheikh Ali of Kuwait told reporters Gulf Arab states would stick to their oil output quotas if other members did the same.

But at the moment, OPEC's 1986 production agreement is in tatters and the organisation is producing an estimated 21 to 22 million barrels per day, well above demand for the organisation's oil which analysts put at 18.5 to 19 million.

The blueprint for a possible agreement was thrashed out by Gulf oil producers in Riyadh last Sunday, but it is far from clear whether it is acceptable to other nations.

Gulf producers Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) propose using the resulting 17.425 million output ceiling as a starting point for negotiations on a higher production level of up to 19 million barrels per day.

Plan
The OPEC source said the plan would probably be presented in Madrid and appeared to be the only one on the table.

The price panel, made up of Algeria, Indonesia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, has the power to summon a full meeting of ministers.

However, even if Iran and Iraq bury their differences, a major problem remains — the UAE would have to halve its output from levels of around two million barrels per day. Oil analysts doubt if one of OPEC's most consistent overproducers will cut back so sharply.

US bridging loan augurs well for future ties: Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 19. (Reuters): Mexico, the Third World's second biggest debtor after Brazil, says a US offer of an emergency \$3.5 billion bridging loan to help it over a slump in oil revenues augurs well for future bilateral ties.

It also indicated it was negotiating with the World Bank and International Monetary Fund for further loans.

A Mexican Finance Ministry spokesman, commenting on news from Washington that his country was negotiating a new loan package with the World Bank and would shortly approach the IMF, said it was substantially correct.

"The reports are fairly close to my understanding of the state of negotiations," he told Reuters.

Debt
US officials said in Washington on Monday that Mexico, which owes about \$100 billion in foreign debt, had begun talks

with the World Bank on a 1.5 billion to \$2 billion loan deal and would seek up to \$600 million from the IMF.

Earlier, the US Treasury announced it was prepared to develop a short-term bridging loan of up to \$3.5 billion with Mexico, "depending on the development of loan programmes by Mexico with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund."

The loan would help Mexico with its economic adjustment programme and tide over its balance of payments difficulties.

Finance Minister Gustavo Petricoli, who was in Washington last weekend, was not available for comment on Monday. A representative of president-elect Carlos Salinas de Gortari also took part in the talks, political sources said.

A statement from Salinas' office called the loan unprecedented and said it would

help Mexico face unfavourable circumstances over which it had no control, particularly falling oil prices and rising interest rates.

"These resources, added to an excellent level of reserves, will allow the government to face external factors over which it has no control," the statement said.

Offer
The loan offer was "a good sign for advantageous ties which Mexico intends to have with the United States," it added.

Relations between the two countries, which share a 2,000-mile (3,200 km) border, have often been stormy as a result of drugs smuggling and illegal immigration into the United States from Mexico.

US officials said the deal offered to Mexico was aimed at helping consolidate an economic recovery in which the year-on-year inflation rate had been halved between February and September to 94.8 per cent.

Though Mexico's foreign reserves are relatively healthy at \$10 billion to \$11 billion, a drop in 1988 oil income is being estimated at \$1.5 billion and the oil-price-related fall has pushed reserves down from \$16 billion in May.

Loan
The US loan offer surprised foreign bankers here. They said they expected the support to boost Mexico's plans to line up new schemes to reduce its \$100 billion debt.

Mexican officials have been trying to encourage creditor governments to guarantee a new debt-for-bonds exchange after last February's partially successful scheme which helped it cut its debt by \$1.1 billion.

An approach by Mexico for an IMF compensatory contingency financing facility, if confirmed, would calm bankers anxious about its ability to service the debt.

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Have you ever noticed how, in almost all situations, people find it so easy to point out what you have done wrong, but so very hard to let you know when you have done something right? Right through life, from home to school and from school to work, there always seem to be plenty of people who are ready to come down on you like a ton of bricks for your mistakes, but not so keen to praise or congratulate you for good work or success. It is true that we cannot go through life messing things up or behaving badly and getting away with it, of course we need correction to help us to learn the right way of learning things. But, it is also very important to let others know that what they have done is good, even if they know it already, otherwise they might start feeling that working hard and behaving well is a waste of time.

It is a normal human thing to want to be praised or thanked for our efforts, so, what we want for ourselves, we should be willing to give to others. Just think how nice it makes you feel when your parents, teachers or friends pat you on the back and say "Well done." You possibly even wish they did it more often. So, knowing how good it feels, put things the other way around and let others know when you are pleased with or thankful for something they have done. A kind word is so easy to give and so lovely to receive.

Auntie Joyns

Happy birthday

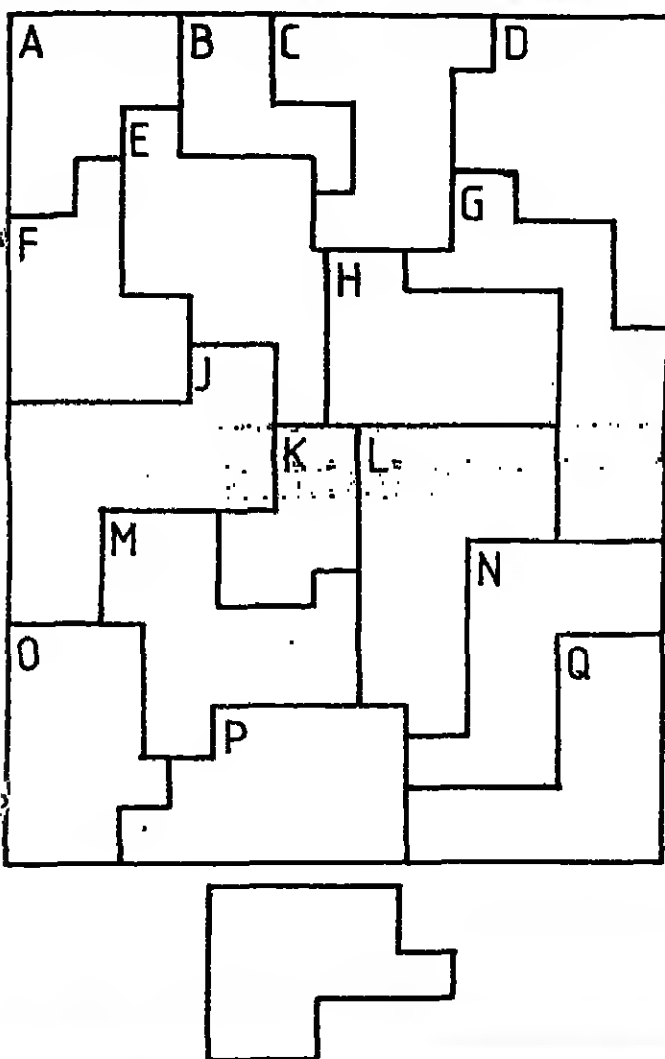
Jyoti Vanitha Misquith celebrates her first birthday on October 21st. Best wishes and lots of love Jyoti, from Mummy, Daddy, relatives and friends.



Solution to Tuesday's crossword:

Across: 1 Honeyuckle; 7 Divulge; 8 Ant; 9 Serge; 11 Barn; 13 Dam; 15 Test; 17 Aroma; 21 Gig; 22 Posters; 23 Rattlesnake
Down: 1 Hides; 2 Never; 3 Yellow; 4 Used; 5 Koolha; 6 Eaten; 10 Eve; 12 Ram; 14 Masses; 15 Tiger; 16 Night; 18 Opera; 19 Aisle; 20 Opal.

CAN YOU FIND THE BOTTOM SHAPE?



Retold by Stephen Corrin

LONG, long, ago there lived a very rich man who had three daughters. One day, he thought to himself, "I wonder which of them loves me most?" So he called them to him and he said to the first:

"How much do you love me, my dear?"

"As much as I love my own life, father," replied she.

"Good," said the man. Then he turned to his second daughter.

"How much do you love me, my dear?"

"Better than anything in the world, father," replied she.

"Good," said the man and turning to his youngest daughter he asked:

"How much do you love me, my dear?"

"I love you as fresh meat needs salt," she replied.

"What! What!" cried the father angrily. "What do you mean? You don't love me at all, do you? Leave this house and never return again!" And he drove her away.

The youngest daughter was very sad indeed, for she knew she loved her father dearly. She wandered over the countryside and through the fields till she came to a stream. Here she plucked an armful of green rushes and wove them together into a kind of cloak and hood and she put them on so that a fine gown she was wearing underneath. And then she walked on till she arrived at a large house not far away.

She knocked at the door and asked whether they could give her any work. They were kind enough to take her in as a kitchen-maid. And so Cap o'Rushes (as everyone called her now) spent all her time scouring pots and pans for the cook.

Not very long afterwards the master of this

house gave a huge party to which he invited all his friends.

In the evening all the servants went to watch the feasting and dancing, except Cap o'Rushes, who said she preferred to stay behind. But when all the other servants had gone, Cap o'Rushes took off her cloak and hood, put on a beautiful golden dress and went in—not to watch—but to join all the other splendid visitors. Everybody thought how lovely she looked and wondered who on earth she could be. The handsome young son of the master of the house could not take his eyes off her and fell head over heels in love with her. He asked her to dance and from then on did not leave her side the whole evening.

However, Cap o'Rushes managed to slip away and left the feast before it ended. When she got back to the servants' rooms she put on her cloak and hood once more and was fast asleep by the time the others got back. The next morning they began telling Cap o'Rushes all about the magnificent party.

"Oh my!" said the cook "you really should have seen all the fine ladies and gentlemen at the party last night. And especially the beautiful young lady in the golden dress! The master's son danced with her the whole evening!"

Cap o'Rushes smiled but said not a word and went on scouring her pots and pans.

In the meantime the master's son was trying to find out who his lovely dancing partner was and where she lived. But nobody could tell him. So he persuaded his father to give another ball hoping

that she could come again.

There's another dance this evening," the cook told Cap o'Rushes. Cap o'Rushes said she felt too tired to go. But when the evening came and all the servants had gone, she took off her cap o'rushes and put on a beautiful silver dress and she went to the dance. The master's son was delighted to see her again and danced with her all the evening. But once more Cap o'Rushes managed to slip away just before the end.

Next morning the cook said to her: "What a shame you didn't come with us to watch the ball last night. That beautiful lady was there again, with a silver dress this time, and the young master didn't leave her side for one moment."

"Oh," said Cap o'Rushes with a smile, "I should indeed like to have seen her."

Meanwhile the master's son had been looking everywhere to find out where the beautiful young lady lived and as he could not find her anywhere he asked his father to give another ball.

Again all the servants tried to persuade Cap o'Rushes to come along with them, but she said she was too tired. But as soon as they had left she took off her cap and cloak and put on a dress of pure, pure white and off she went to the ball.

You can imagine how delighted the master's son was to see her again. As he danced with her he kept asking her name and where she came from. And when she wouldn't tell him he gave her a ring and said he would die if he didn't ever see her again.

But once more, when the last dance was over, Cap o'Rushes slipped off to the

servants' rooms and by the time the others were back she was asleep with her cap o'rushes on.

The master's son sent around everywhere asking where the lovely young lady might be and whether anybody knew her. But there was no news of her at all. He grew quite ill because he was so sad, until finally he got a fever and had to be kept in bed.

One day the cook was making some special light porridge for the young master's breakfast when Cap o'Rushes walked into the kitchen.

"And who are you making that for, cook?" she asked.

"It's for the young master. He's very ill, dying for the love of his lady."

"Oh, please let me make it," said Cap o'Rushes. And while she was doing so she slipped into it the ring that the young master had given her at the last ball.

A maid took the porridge up to the young master's room and when he had drunk it he saw the ring in the bottom of the dish.

"Send for the cook," he said to the maid.

And when she came up he said:

"Who prepared this porridge?"

"I did, master," said the cook, very alarmed.

"No you didn't," said the young master. "Tell me who did and no harm will come to you."

"I made it, truly, master, truly I did, but Cap o'Rushes helped me and it was she who poured it into your porridge bowl."

"Ah!" said the young master, his face lighting up. "Send Cap o'Rushes up to me at once. So off went the cook and sent Cap o'Rushes to the young



master's room.

"Did you help to make this porridge and pour it into my porridge bowl?" he asked.

"Yes I did," she said.

"And where did you get this ring?" asked the young master, holding it up.

"From the man who gave it to me," replied she.

"Well, who are you then?" asked the young master in surprise.

Then she slipped off her cap and cloak and stood there in her beautiful golden dress.

The master's son was now very happy and soon got quite well again. They started to prepare for their wedding and hundreds of guests were invited from far and wide. And an invitation was sent to Cap o'Rushes's father.

Before the wedding feast Cap o'Rushes went to the cook and said: "I don't want you to put even the tiniest grain of salt in the meat."

"That wouldn't be a very nice thing to do," said the cook. "The meat won't have any taste."

"Never mind," said Cap o'Rushes, "just do as I ask, just for this once. I have a special reason."

Very soon all the guests came into the banquet hall, following the bride and bridegroom.

When the meat course was served hardly anyone touched it, it was too tasteless. But one particular guest, a rich gentleman, burst out crying.

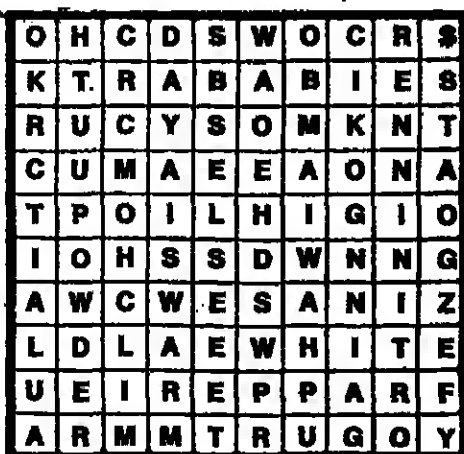
"What is the matter, sir?" the master's son asked him.

"Ah," he replied sadly, "I had a daughter once and I asked her how much she loved me. And she said: 'As much as fresh meat needs salt.' And I drove her out of my house and I've never seen her since. But now I see she loved me best of all. And I may never see her again." And he wept loudly.

"No, father, here I am," cried Cap o'Rushes. Moving aside her bridal veil she ran up to him and flung her arms around his neck. Her father was overcome with joy and everyone was very happy indeed.

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Ted Hughes



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Amjad hit a ton

WGW score 43-run win over Punjab

WGW Cricket Club scored a 43-run victory over Punjab Fabaheel in a Zia-ul-Haq Memorial Trophy cricket tournament match in Fabaheel earlier this week.

Amjad Bashir, the WGW captain, hammered an unbeaten 102 to guide his team to 183 for the loss of only four wickets by the end of the allotted overs.

Support Amjad was in brilliant form, hitting 12 fours and a six as he tore the Punjab attack apart. He got some good support from Ali, who hit an unbeaten 33.

Naveed, Qaiser and Sarfraz took a wicket each.

Punjab, chasing 184 for victory, found the WGW bowling too accurate for their liking and could muster only 140 runs.

Anjum took three wickets while Maqsood got two and Ali and Naveed one each.

Ibrahim slams Cyclone for unbeaten 102

KOKAN Cricket Club scored an effortless 171-run victory over Cyclone Cricket Club in a Goodyear-YMCA Winner Cup cricket tournament match at the Ahmadi Governorate ground on Friday.

Kokan, batting first, piled up 226 for the loss of only four wickets in 27 overs. Ibrahim was the top scorer with an unbeaten 102 while Majed hit 55, Iqbal 19, Riaz 13 and Peter 11.

Cyclone's Peter took two wickets for 44 while Iqbal and Saleem got one each.

Dismissed

Kokan's bowling proved too good for Cyclone and the whole side was dismissed for only 55. Aslam took four wickets for 16 and Bader two for 17. Zakaria, Saifullah and Riaz got one wicket each.

On Friday, Bright Stars meet Deccan Blues in the morning match while Union Cricket Club take on Siddique in the afternoon. On Sunday YMCA play Hyderabad in the morning while Capri face Flying Arrows in the afternoon.

Gretzky returns to Edmonton

EDMONTON, Oct. 19, (Reuters): Wayne Gretzky was back in the Northlands coliseum yesterday but unlike the hundreds of other times he has entered the home of the Edmonton Oilers, it was not a happy occasion.

"I haven't really been looking forward to this," the 27-year-old Brantford, Ontario, native said of leading his new team, the Los Angeles Kings, onto the coliseum ice to face the team he played with for 10 years.

"It's another situation where all eyes will be on me. It's only game seven of the season and it's on national television. Everybody will be watching me."

FITZGERALD SAILS PAST FLACH

Edberg thrashes Nelson

TOKYO, Oct. 19, (AP): Top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden crushed American Todd Nelson 6-2, 6-2 today in the first round of men's singles in the Seiko Super tennis tournament.

"I hit the ball well and moved well," the 1988 Wimbledon champion later told reporters. "Nelson is not an easy opponent but it was good for me as I broke serves in early games."

Edberg, the defending champion, got off to a good start, blasting accurate, booming shots that Nelson failed to return. He broke Nelson's service in the fourth game of the set after exchanging a series of fine passing shots.

Nelson barely won his service in the sixth game after going to deuce four times.

Edberg, the world's third-ranked player, again broke in Nelson's service in the eighth game, wrapping up the first set with a cross-court forehand shot.

In the second set, Edberg broke Nelson's service in the fourth and eighth games on the artificial courts of the Yoyogi National Gymnasium.

Asked about the withdrawal from the tournament due to



Edberg: outclassed Nelson

it did not matter to him.

"Only two players among the world's top 10 are here, but there still are some good players in this tournament," he said.

Boris Becker of West Germany, ranked fifth in the world, is the tournament's No. 2 seed.

Meanwhile, Australian John Fitzgerald, ranked 32nd worldwide, romped over Ken Flach, defeating the American 6-4, 6-0 in just 55 minutes.

Fitzgerald broke Flach's service in the first and fifth games, and Flach broke the Australian's service in the second game. Fitzgerald then fired two consecutive aces in the 10th game to wrap up the first set.

In the one-sided second set, Fitzgerald got in 72 per cent of his first serves to 58 per cent for Flach.

In other matches, American Richard Matuszewski needed a first set tie-breaker to beat compatriot Jay Berger 7-6 (7-1), 6-3. Matuszewski blasted five aces in the first set and two in the second, while Berger had an ace in each set.

Also, Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia beat Japan's Toshitaka Tsuchihashi 7-5, 6-3.

The men's singles winner will pocket \$100,000 on Sunday and the runner-up \$50,000 from a purse of \$627,500.

The tournament is part of the Nabisco Grand Prix series.

Lawson to ride for Honda

LONDON, Oct. 19, (Reuters): World 500cc motorcycle champion Eddie Lawson has quit Yamaha for Honda, a spokesman for the Honda team sponsors said today.

"I can confirm that Lawson signed a contract with Honda about a week ago and will ride for Honda from the first Grand Prix race of next season in Japan on March 26," spokesman John Newcombe told Reuters.

Rival

Triple world champion Lawson will be a member of a separate team from that of Honda's number one rider Wayne Gardner of Australia, the 1987 champion and the American's highest rival in this year's Grand Prix.

"The two will look the same, but Eddie's team will be a satellite team, while Wayne's will be the factory team," Newcombe said.

Iran banned for not playing against Israel

Brave McIntyre wins gold

SEOUL, Oct. 19, (Reuters): Australian schoolgirl Deahne McIntyre, under the surgeon's knife here a week ago, won a gold medal for bravery and sporting excellence in the Paralympics today.

Just eight days after undergoing an emergency appendicitis operation, she captured the 200-metre wheelchair event for paraplegics by the narrowest of margins.

Doctors removed the staples from her wound only 12 hours before the 200 metre final.

"I don't feel any ill effects at all," she said, her face breaking out in a huge smile. "I'm on a real high right now."

The victory was tinged with sadness because her family, who flew to South Korea to cheer on

the courageous 17-year-old, missed her golden moment.

"They thought the race was an hour later. They are really

thrilled for me though," said McIntyre, voted young Australian of the Year in 1985 for her contribution to disabled sport.

"My four-year-old sister Rachel is a real sweetie and she gave me a big hug."

McIntyre, world record-holder in the 200 metres, had to agonise for five minutes before learning she had realised her dream of winning Paralympic gold.

"It was a photo-finish," said the Spina Bifida sufferer from Canberra. "My time of 40.36 seconds was just 0.10 of a second faster than Mexican Juana Soto."

After her appendix operation last Tuesday, doctors and Australian officials said there was no way she could compete.

"Even as I lay in hospital I was saying I'd be out there but they wouldn't believe me," said the determined McIntyre.

McIntyre also won a bronze in the 100 metres and has further medal hopes in the 400 metres and the 4x100 metre relay.

Meanwhile organisers of the Games banned the Iranian goalball team today for refusing to play the Israelis.

The International Co-ordinating Committee (ICC) for disabled sports said in a statement the Iranians appeared for their scheduled match with Israel but instead of playing, shouted political slogans and walked out.

QMCC triumph twice

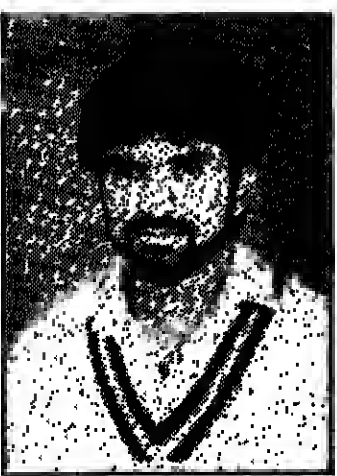
QUAID-E-MILLAT Cricket Club (QMCC) scored two victories this week. In the first match, QMCC thrashed NBK by eight wickets in a KCL tournament game at the NC ground and in the second outplayed Galaxy by 38 runs in the Millat Trophy at the Airport ground.

In the first match NBK were skittled out for only 112 while Ishfaq Shaique taking three wickets for 21 runs. The top scorers were Ali 30, Amjad 30 and Ishfaq 25.

Ishfaq Shaique did the damage again when he hit an unbeaten 61 to take QMCC past the victory target for the loss of two wickets. Delaware scored.

In the second match QMCC scored 207 for five. Raza Mir hit 103, Ishfaq Shaique 43 and Qamar 21.

Galaxy scored 169 for five.



Raza Mir: scored 103

Ashraf Rana scored 75 and Ghulam Haider 42. Amar took three wickets for 31.

Strikers edge Incredible

UG STRIKERS reached the final of the Rothmans Gold Cup football tournament with a 3-2 victory over favourites Incredible earlier this week.

Incredible took the lead in the second minute of the first half but Strikers equalised a few minutes later through Casimiro off a loose ball.

In the second half both the teams launched attacks on each other but Incredible again going ahead through Joaquim. Casimiro scored the equaliser again ten minutes later.

Casimiro completed his hat-trick before the end of the match after repeated attacks by Strikers to give his team the match.

Kasparov could regain share of lead

REYKJAVIK, Oct. 19, (Reuters): Soviet world champion Garry Kasparov could regain a share of the lead in the World Cup chess tournament after winning a slight advantage against Soviet rival Alexander Bejavskey in their 13th round game yesterday.

The game was adjourned after 62 moves with Kasparov holding a slightly better position in a rook and pawn endgame.

A victory would bring Kasparov level with fellow Soviet grandmasters Mikhail Tal and Jaan Ehlvest in the \$100,000 tournament with four rounds left to play.

Tal and Ehlvest both drew their matches.

Results in round 13: Ulf Andersson (Sweden) beat Margir Petursson (Iceland), Jonathan Speelman (Britain) drew with Artur Yusupov (Soviet Union), Zoltan Ribli (Hungary) drew with Predrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia), Johann Hjartarson (Iceland) drew with Gyula Sax (Hungary), Jan Timman (Netherlands) beat Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union), Mikhail Tal (Soviet Union) drew with Boris Spassky (France), John Nunn (Britain) beat Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland), Garry Kasparov (Soviet Union) versus Alexander Bejavskey (Soviet Union) adjourned, Jaan Ehlvest (Soviet Union) drew with Lajos Portisch (Hungary).

Leading positions: Tal and Ehlvest 3 points, Bejavskey 7.5 with one adjourned, Nunn and Timman 7.5, Kasparov 7 with one adjourned.



Tyson (2nd right) arrives at the Margarita airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tyson wants to forget the past and start anew

PORLAMAR, Venezuela, Oct. 19, (Reuters): Undisputed world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson flew into this Caribbean resort yesterday with kisses for a baby and an elderly fan and more threats for his next rival, Briton Frank Bruno.

"If I chopped off one of my arms, he still couldn't beat me," Tyson said on his arrival on the island of Margarita.

American promoter Don King, who arrived with Tyson to attend the annual convention of the World Boxing Association (WBA), added: "Tell them Mike is doing great and he's ready to kick ass."

King said he had met Bruno's representatives in New York before coming to Venezuela but no venue had been set for the title defence which has been postponed three times.

Dogged

"He wants to take away the old and put on the new he wants to go out and fight all over the world," King said.

Tyson said he was ready to start anew and leave behind the problems which have dogged his personal and professional life.

"I've been in the fast lane and my life has been leaving me

behind. I want to start off again slowly, forget about my past, put everything behind and just start all over again," he said.

He said his fractured hand had almost totally recovered. "I feel great. I'll be ready to fight in about a week and a half," he said, predicting he would knock Bruno out.

Tyson said he still wanted the bout, originally scheduled for London, to take place in the United States. "I have my reasons. Let's just leave it at that, please," he said.

Tyson said he would continue to train at King's farm near Cleveland, Ohio. "I'm going to check out the facilities. If I'm comfortable, I'll continue to train there," he said. "See, when it comes to training, I get moody and I take a while to adjust."

Asked if there were other contenders on the horizon besides Bruno, Tyson said: "I don't mind, I'll take them all. It's not my job to look (for them), I just fight them."

By the time King and Tyson arrived, Mendoza had already won the WBA election. But a group of delegates led by Luis Batista Salas, head of the Puerto Rico Boxing Commission, questioned the legality of the vote.

BOXING

Obelmejias' injury derails Hearn's bid for 5th title

NEW YORK, Oct. 19, (Reuters): American Thomas Hearn learned yesterday his bid for a record fifth world title has been derailed because of an injury to World Boxing Association super middleweight champion Fulgencio Obelmejias of Venezuela.

Promoter Boh Arum announced the November 4 bout has been put off because the Venezuelan defender had aggravated a rib injury suffered during a recent bout against Park Chong-Pal of South Korea and had asked for a postponement.

Hearn, who celebrated his 30th birthday yesterday, had been hoping to become the first boxer in history to win world titles in five different weight classes. He already has held a record four world titles in the welterweight, super welterweight, middleweight and light heavyweight divisions.

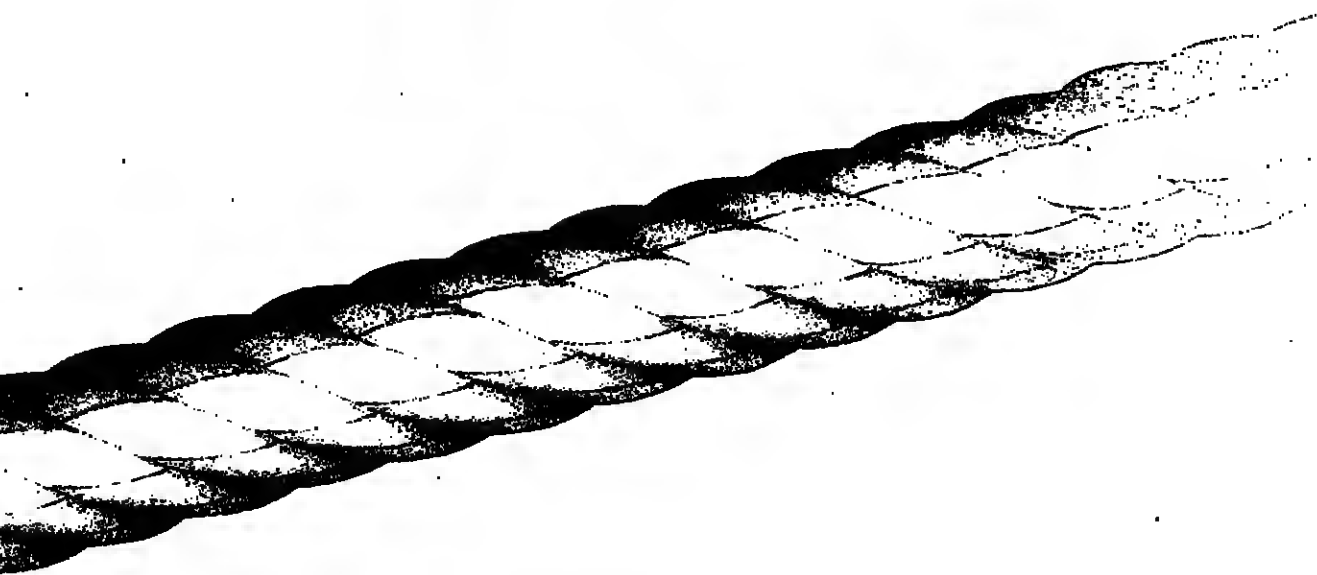
Arum said he had checked X-rays of Obelmejias in Caracas and was looking for a replacement opponent for the featured bout of what had been a triple championship card in Las Vegas.

American Michael Nunn is set to defend his International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight title against Juan Roldan of Argentina, and Canadian Matthew Hilton is due to defend his IBF junior middleweight crown against American Robert Hines.

The withdrawal of Obelmejias opens the way for Sugar Ray Leonard to become boxing's first five-time winner.

Leonard, who has held the welterweight, junior middleweight, and middleweight titles, will fight defending champion Donnie Lalonde of Canada on November 7 in Las Vegas for Lalonde's World Boxing Council (WBC) light heavyweight title and the vacant new WBC super middleweight title.

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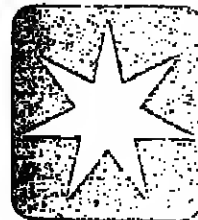


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McGwire takes A's past Dodgers

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 19, (Reuters): Oakland's Mark McGwire broke out of his World Series slump with a solo home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Athletics a 2-1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers last night.

Before McGwire's shot into the leftfield stands off top reliever Jay Howell, he had gone 0-9 at the plate.

The second-year slugger, who was the American League's Rookie of the Year in 1987, had struck out and hit only two routine fly balls yesterday and the Oakland "Bashers," as they have been dubbed looked like the Oakland bashfuls.

The A's had gone 18 consecutive innings without scoring a run.

"Just because it's the World Series everything is blown out of proportion," McGwire said. "It's not like we haven't gone two games without a hit. We're alright."

Maybe, but just barely. Oakland is still down 1-2 in the best-of-seven-game series, with the fourth game here this evening. And the Oakland Giants had just

five hits to the Dodgers' nine yesterday.

Despite McGwire's insistence that all is well with the team, it was the little guys - with a lot of help from the bullpen - that kept them in the game until McGwire's game-winning blast.

One of the keys to the game was the superb effort by Oakland relievers, who snuffed the Dodgers out in the fifth inning without a run after Los Angeles had loaded the bases with none out.

Deciding The Oakland victory means the deciding game of the series must be played this weekend in Los Angeles.

Second baseman Glenn Hubbard, batting seventh in the order, got things rolling for Oakland with a single off the leftfield fence in the third inning.

With Ron Hassey up, Hubbard broke for second and catcher Mike Scioscia's throw bounced in front of the bag and skipped into centerfield, sending Hubbard to third. Hassey then singled to left scoring Hubbard for a 1-0 Oakland lead.

Oakland starter Boh Welch, acquired from the Dodgers in the

off-season, was cruising with eight strikeouts through the first four innings.

But Jeff Hamilton broke the Dodger trance with a lead-off single to centre in the fifth inning, and he moved to second on Alfredo Griffin's hunt.

After Steve Sax grounded out, Franklin Stubbs stroked a double to right-centrefield, driving in Hamilton with the tying run.

The Athletics went down in order in the fifth and sixth innings.

The Dodgers threatened to blow the game wide open in the sixth inning but the Oakland bullpen pitched tough.

Danny Heep led off the inning with a double to left-centrefield. A single by John Shelby and a walk of Mike Davis loaded the bases with no outs.

Oakland manager Tony Larussa went to the bullpen, bringing in Greg Cadaret who induced Mike Scioscia to pop out to third baseman Carney Lansford in foul territory.

Larussa, playing the magician, then brought in Mike Nelson who got Hamilton to hit a little grounder to Lansford who for-

ced Heep at home. The bases were still loaded when Alfredo Griffin grounded out to first baseman Mark McGwire to get the A's out of the inning uncathed.

Dodger starter John Tudor, who had pitched just once in the past 24 days, partly because of injuries and also due to manager Tommy Lasorda deciding to give other hurlers some work, took himself out of the game after throwing to just one batter in the second inning. He had been winning with pain in the first inning and finally walked off the field.

Aggressive McGwire rejected the idea that he had been feeling anxious at bat before his homer.

"I like to consider myself an aggressive hitter. I have a pretty good eye," said McGwire, who slammed 32 home runs during the regular season.

McGwire said he thought Howell would keep throwing him fastballs.

"It was what I was looking for in that situation. I had some pretty good cuts during the game. It was just a matter of me catching up with one," he said.

SALIM TAKES MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

Pakistan brush aside India for final

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 19, (AP): Pakistan defeated India by 34 runs in the third match of the Sharjah Champions Trophy to qualify for the final with two straight wins.

Pakistan were all out for 246 runs in 49.1 overs. India made 212 for 8 in 50 overs.

Pakistan's Salim Malik, who knocked out a spectacular century, was named Man of the Match.

Organise

India will play the West Indies on Friday in the semifinal match of the 3-nation tournament being played on evergreen turf at the Sharjah cricket stadium. The bi-annual contest for the Sharjah Trophy organised by the Cricketers' Benefit Fund carries prize money totalling \$65,000.

Put in to bat, Pakistan started badly, losing Rameez Raja for 2 in the second over to a square leg catch by Maninder Singh off Sanjeev Sharma.

Salim Malik joined Mudassar Nazar for a 37-run partnership before Nazar was run out for 11 to a brilliant throw from Narendra Hirwani.

Pakistan skipper Javed Miandad took command and the run rate quickened as he and Salim put on 127 for the third wicket against a flagging Indian attack.

Miandad was eventually run out for 52, but Salim racked up 102 before he was caught by Kiran More off Singh for 101.

Singh finished with figures of 3 for 47.

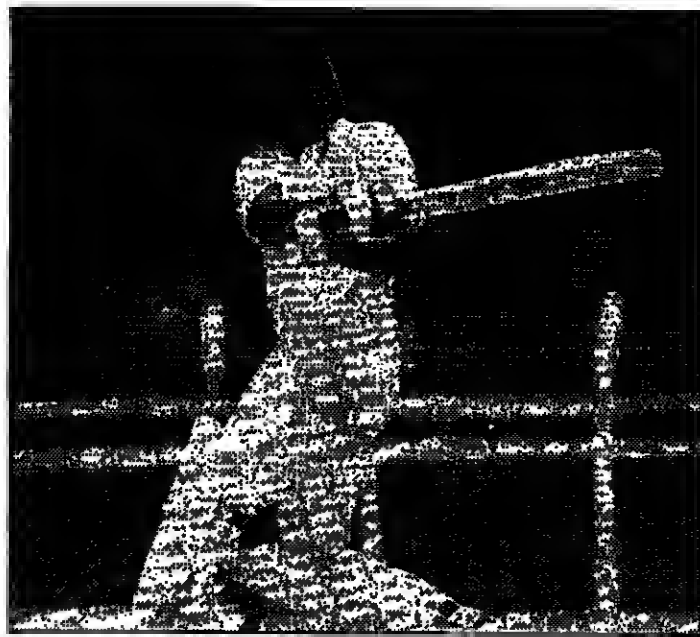
Chasing a run rate of 4.94, India started briskly. Openers Krishnamacharia Srikanth and Navot Sidhu had little trouble with the left-arm pace attack of Wasim Akram and Salim Jaffer.

But with 40 on the board, Krishnamacharia Srikanth was out left before to a full toss from Wasim.

Mohinder Amarnath joined Navot Sidhu and saw India to a comfortable 70 in 15 overs.

But both batsmen were run out, putting pressure on skipper Dilip Vengsarkar and Mohammed Azharuddin. They put India past the 100-mark in the 24th over and added 58 runs for the fourth wicket.

But with the score at 132, Azharuddin was caught by Malik in the covers for 26 as he



Salim: hit a century

tried to lift a ball from Abdul Qadir.

With 14 overs to go, India still needed 100 runs to win with six wickets in hand.

But after Vengsarkar was caught at mid-off by Javed

Miandad for 51 off Wasim, the Indian batting collapsed. Jaffer mopped up the tail-enders in a second spell, taking 3 for 37.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN
M. Nazar run out 71

R. Raja c Maninder b Sharma 2

S. Malik c More b Maninder 101

J. Miandad run out 52

A. Qadir c Kapil b Maninder 1

W. Akram b Maninder 26

M. Elahi run out 9

S. Yusuf c Hirwani b Kapil 25

T. Ahmed run out 7

S. Jaffer not out 0

Extras (lb-11 w-1 nb-3) 15

Total (49.1 overs) 246

Fall of wickets: 1-3 2-41 3-167 4-171 5-179 6-189 7-200 8-229 9-239

Bowling: Kapil 9.1-2-31-2, Sharma 8-0-51-1, Amarnath 5-0-20-0, Singh 10-6-47-3, Shastri 10-0-45-0, Hirwani 7-0-41-0.

INDIA

K. Srikanth lbw b Wasim 19

N. Sidhu run out 38

M. Amarnath run out 15

D. Vengsarkar c Miandad b Wasim 51

M. Azharuddin c Salim b Qadir 26

R. Shastri c Shaheen b Jaffer 33

Kapil Dev c Maninder b Jaffer 3

S. Sharma not out 8

K. More c Shaheen b Jaffer 2

Maninder Singh not out 6

Extras (lb-5 w-4 nb-2) 11

Total (night wickets - 50 overs) 212

Fall of wickets: 1-40 2-37 3-75 4-132 5-183 6-196 7-196 8-281

Did not bat: N. Hirwani

Bowling: Wasim 10-1-39-2, Jaffer 9-0-37-3, Miandad 3-0-22-0, Mudassar 10-0-38-0, Taseef 10-0-37-0, Qadir 8-0-34-1.

Czechs gain meagre win in Luxembourg

ESCH-SUR-ALZETTE, Luxembourg, Oct 19, (Reuters): Ivan Hasek and Jozef Chovanec scored first half goals to bring Czechoslovakia a 2-0 win over soccer minnows Luxembourg in a World Cup European Group Seven qualifying match yesterday.

But it was an unconvincing performance by Czechoslovakia, who laboured to overcome Luxembourg's mostly amateur team and faded badly in the second half.

Trailing

The result put Czechoslovakia into second place in the group, trailing Switzerland, who won 4-1 in Luxembourg last month, on goal difference. Belgium and Portugal have yet to play.

Despite enjoying most of the possession, Czechoslovakia were blunted in the early stages by a Luxembourg defence well led by Carlo Weiss.

The visitors did not have a shot near goal until the 16th minute when Vaclav Nemecek

drove wide from a good position. But they took the lead after 25 minutes. The Luxembourg defence got in a tangle as the ball bounced across the penalty area and Hasek hooked it past goalkeeper John van Rijswijk.

Chance

Czechoslovakia went further ahead when Luxembourg blundered again in the 38th minute. This time it was Van Rijswijk at fault as he allowed Chovanec's inswinging corner to sail over his head into goal.

Just before half-time Stanislav Griga found the net from close range but was ruled off-side.

Luxembourg started the second half more aggressively, and Guy Hellers forced goalkeeper Jan Stejskal into action for the first time, sprawling to parry a stinging 35-metre drive.

As the visitors lost their grip on the game, the home team had another chance after 70 minutes when Roby Langers broke through, forcing Stejskal to a last-ditch save at his feet.

MCC honours 'The Don'

LONDON, Oct 19, (Reuters): Sir Don Bradman, the greatest batsman of all time, has been made an honorary life vice-president of the MCC, a statement issued at England's cricket headquarters said today.

Sir Don, who celebrated his 80th birthday in August, retired from cricket in 1948 after scoring 28,067 first class runs at an average of 95.14. His record for Australia was even more impressive - 29 centuries from 52 Test matches and an average of 99.94.

Crickets most famous club has also appointed three new honorary life members - former England captain Tony Lewis and Australian administrators David Richards and Phil Ridings.

Australia suffer second defeat

OTLEY, England, Oct 19, (Reuters): Australia, beaten in the opening match of their rugby union tour of Britain last Saturday, lost again today, going down 15-9 to the North of England.

After a storming start in which they scored nine points in the first nine minutes, the touring side were pegged back, first by the kicking of international fly-half Rob Andrew which brought the scores level.

Then, with two minutes remaining, Dewi Morris, the Welsh-born scrum-half who wants to play for England, dived over for the winning try which Andrew converted.

Star wing David Campese gave Australia the lead with his first touch of the ball after two minutes when he exploded into the line and swerved past three defenders before touching down between the posts.

BA XI arrive in Kuwait today

THE British Airways cricket team arrives in Kuwait today for a four-match tour. The team includes former Test stars Farokh Engineer (India) and Don Wilson (England).

The team will play all the matches, being arranged by the Hubara Cricketers, at the Kuwait Oil Company grounds in Al Kuwait.

This afternoon Hubara Cricket Club meet the visitors in a friendly match to enable the tourists to sample the delights of cricket in the desert. Engineer and Wilson will not be playing in this game.

Tomorrow's match against an Ahmadi Select XI is the highlight of the tour with both Engineer and Wilson playing against the local side, which comprises the best players from the Hubara Leagues. Craig Shipton will be the captain for the local side. He will also be leading the Great Britain squad against the visitors on Sunday.

With the appearance of Engineer and Wilson and a prize raffle including a BA return ticket to Madras, a large crowd is expected to witness a thrilling game.

The match will start at 9.30 am and will be played over 45 overs each side. The teams will be presented, at the start of the

match, to Holgar Wessel, general manager of the Sheraton Hotel, who in conjunction with BA and Yusuf A. Alghamim and Sons W.L.L. Electronics Group are sponsoring this tour.

On Sunday, the challenge match between Great Britain XI and BA XI also involves Engineer and Wilson. This match will start at 10.30 am. In between these matches there will be another friendly against an Invitation XI on Saturday.

All the members of the touring party play regular League cricket in England and include several talented cricketers.

The full touring squad: Barry Lowe (captain), Mark Herzog (vice-captain), Salim Awan, Steve Bassett, Sunil Chaddha, Andy Gurdial, Michael Higgs, Ajay Kharbanda, 'Mudi' Mirza, Paul 'Fly' Morgan, Vish Sarin, John Scott, Norman Sherwin, Zaffar Raza and Boh Lee.

Lowe is an all-rounder and did well in the English season which ended recently. Lowe leads the team by example and is aided by his deputy Herzog, who is the wicketkeeper on this tour.

The touring team has two Kenyan-born players in its side: Awan is one of them. He is an all-rounder in his first season with the team. Bowls medium pace.

One of his uncles played for East Africa and Kenya.

The other Kenyan, Chaddha, is a fast bowler who combines his swing and seam bowling to his swift and determined fielding.

Bassett, Gurdial, Morgan, Sarin and Scott are the main batsmen in the team and have the ability to play under all conditions. Gurdial is Guyana-born, having learnt his cricket on the typical wickets.

Higgs, Kharbanda, Mirza, and Razi form the battery of fast and slow bowlers. Given the right conditions, these bowlers can run through any side.

Although the BA XI has these players, the main attraction are Engineer and Wilson. Both these cricketers have now stopped playing first class cricket but were quite good when they did.

Engineer was a wicketkeeper batsman, having started playing first class cricket in 1958 and ending his career in the game in 1976. He scored 13,436 runs (average 29.52), including 13 centuries. He had 824 dismissals (703 ct, 121 st).

Engineer played 46 Tests in which he scored 2,611 runs, including two centuries, at an average of 31.08 and had 82 dismissals (66 ct, 16 st). He is one of the best wicketkeeper batsmen produced by India and made his

first class debut against West Indian touring team in 1958. His highest score was 192 for the Rest of the World against a Combined XI at Hobart in 1971.

Wilson started his first class career in 1957 and played until 1974. He scored 6,230 runs (14.09) and took 1,189 wickets and 250 catches.

In the six Test matches that Wilson played, he took 11 wickets (42.36) and scored 75 runs. A tall left-arm bowler, Wilson took 100 wickets in a season five times and hat-trick twice. He got seven for 19 for Yorkshire, for whom he started playing in 1957, against MCC also six for 18 against Kent in 1969.

Wilson helped Yorkshire win the League Championship seven times and Gillette Cup twice. He toured India in 1963 and New Zealand and Australia in 1970/71. He was a member of Ray Illingworth's side which regained the Ashes in 1970.

Appointed

On a lesser tour, Wilson took eight for 36 for MCC against Sri Lanka (14 for 71) in the match.

Wilson was appointed chief coach to the MCC and the Indoor Cricket School in 1977 and still retains that position.

Wilson is no stranger to Kuwait, having toured here with Keith Fletcher's XI in 1983.

Amar joins Spurs

LONDON, Oct 19, (Reuters): Tottenham manager Terry Venables will sign midfielder Mohammed Ali Amar from his old team, Barcelona, in a bid to improve his London side's miserable season, the English First Division club said yesterday.

Amar, expected to sign today, will join Tottenham on a year's loan, with an option for a second year, in the £57,000 (\$100,000) deal with the Spanish club.

LONDON, Oct 19, (AP): Injury-hit Liverpool loses two consecutive League games and sees one of its star players go to jail while Tottenham Hotspur has two points deducted by League officials.

The soccer powerhouses hit trouble, while lesser known clubs such as Norwich City and Millwall lead the title race.

Strange things are happening in the English First Division. The nine-month League campaign is only seven weeks old and already champion Liverpool has lost twice - the same as in the whole of last season.

Back to back defeats by Newcastle United and Luton town mean that the team that ran away with the title last year is down in fourth place in the 20-team standings.

Accidental goalgetter Ian Rush, resigned from Italy's Juventus at the start of the season, is still looking for his first League goal although he scored in last week's League Cup game at Second Division Walsall.

Versatile

Player-manager Kenny Dalglish lost central defenders Alan Hansen and Gary Gillespie through long-term injuries and then the club's versatile Danish international Jan Molby was jailed for three months for reckless driving.

Tottenham, rated one of the leading contenders for Liverpool's title, made a false start to the season when its opening game against Coventry City was postponed only hours before kick-off.

Police figured that building debris left behind after reconstruction work at its White Hart Lane stadium was a hazard.

The club argued on Monday that it was not to blame, but the Football League docked two points from the team's total as a punishment for the inconvenience caused to the visiting team.

We are running in this rally to win: Samia

Al Wazzan likely to be hampered by lack of power

By Gail Seery

"WE are running in this rally to win, not to play," says Marlboro team manager Toni Samia. However, he adds, "A rally is always a surprise. Nobody knows what will happen. I can't say we will win, but we want to win and will work in win. Inshallah we will bring a good result."

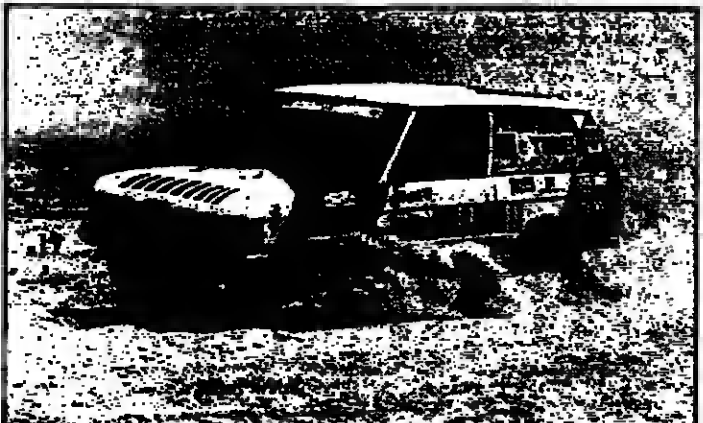
The team was making its final preparations for tomorrow's Alghanim/BP 2000 Jeep rally, and took a break between practice and scrutineering, held at the Alghanim garage, to give a brief interview to the Arab Times.

Administrative

Toni Samia's job is to manage every aspect of the rally for the team, including the service plan, which tells the back-up teams where to be and what to do, and very mundane administrative tasks.

"The team is excellent," he said. "We are friends outside the rallies, and work well as a team. I have known Al Wazzan for 15 years, and co-drove for him in 1979. He's getting better all the time." He added that although Al Wazzan had taken a lengthy break from the sport he was now back on form.

Samia sees a good future for



Tareq Al Wazzan in action.

the team with the support of its sponsors, and anticipates an opportunity to rally outside Kuwait. "We have the ability to get results, all we need is the backing." The team will be competing in the Dubai International in December, which Al Wazzan won in 1981.

Al Wazzan's co-driver is Khaled Khalifa. When I asked him why he chose to be a co-driver instead of a driver - a rare decision in the Middle East, Al Wazzan hursi in, "Because it's the only time he can get a word in edgewise, the only time I let him talk!" Those who know the team will concede there is a measure of

truth in this!

"I started as a co-driver, and I never think about driving. I like my own line." Khalifa has co-driven for Al Wazzan for four years, and describes his driver as "fantastic. He wants to improve and is trying and pushing himself more and more. Every rally he is getting better and better." Khalifa told me in Bahrain that he had never seen Al Wazzan driving better. "In the last local I told him he was driving better than in Bahrain."

Khalifa feels that the strong team gives Al Wazzan as much as 50 per cent advantage over local crews. "We've been working as a



Khalifa (right) and Tareq.

team for a year now and we're getting better and better."

Khalifa has no complaints to make about the stages, except that he would have preferred to be competing with a faster engine.

Al Wazzan is frank about his hopes. "This is a very important rally for me. I am aiming to win unless I have any problem with my car. I am hampered by a lack of power because I had planned

to fit a new engine before the rally, but it hasn't arrived yet."

"Abdullah Omar in the Sonauto has a big advantage because his car is fixed for Paris-Dakar. It is very strong and the fast stages suit him. He is an excellent and experienced driver. He won the Masafi twice, and has also driven in the Safari rally. He is familiar with turbo engines as he used to drive the Toyota turbo." On the other hand, Al Wazzan

is not giving too much thought to the other Range Rovers and their drivers. "I have been rallying with them in Bahrain and Kuwait, and I know they are no danger to me."

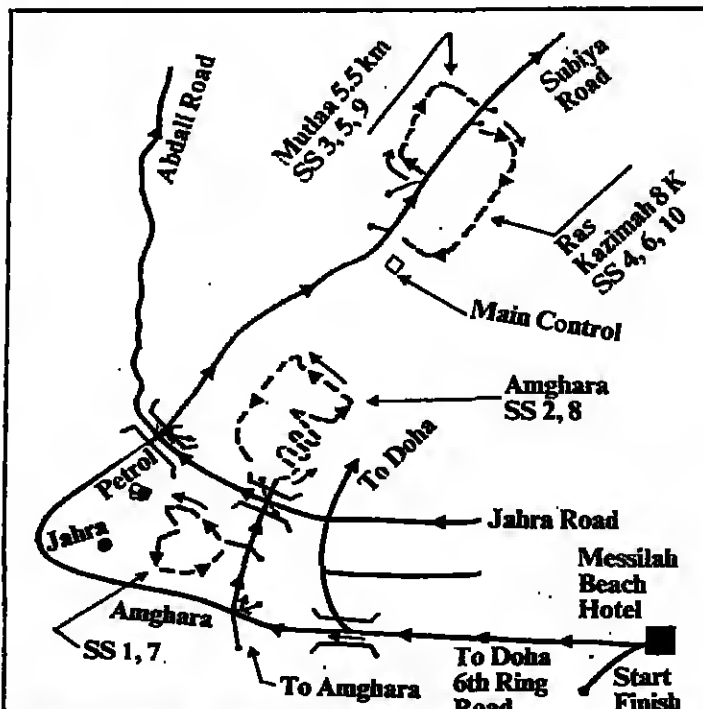
"Really, I don't like the stages very much - they need a faster car. My power is only 155, against 270/280hp from Abdullah Omar and Eid Falah. Ahmed Zafri in the Suzuki has 180hp."

"Stage one is very fast and sandy, and not good for heavy cars like mine. The Sonauto is very good here, and has been fully tried and tested in the Paris-Dakar. Stages 2 and 3 need skill more than horsepower. They are twisty, bumpy, and there I can use my skill. Stage 4 is also fast."

"I have worked hard with my team, my co-driver and my team manager, but we need luck this time."

Unlike Abdullah Omar, Al Wazzan is characteristically unwilling to reveal his tactics and strategy for the event. "I can't tell you my tactics or all the people will know," he laughed.

"I would like to thank the sponsors who are supporting me, Arab Times and Marlboro. They help me in many ways; they give me money, they advise me and help me to prove my skill. If I have any problem they help me. I look forward to a long and good relationship with them."



A map of the rally route. (Courtesy Toni Samia)

Lighter cars expected to have advantage in rally

THE Alghanim/BP 2000 Jeep Rally will start from the Messilah Beach Hotel at 9 am tomorrow morning. The cars will drive out to the first stage at Amghara, and the top seed, Tareq Al Wazzan will start the stage at 10.03 am. This is an 11.66 km sandy stage, where the faster, lighter cars are expected to have an advantage.

The next stage is Amghara 2, and is recommended as a spectator stage. Here the drivers negotiate a series of very bumpy, tight hairpins which will test the cars and their drivers. The stage is 5.11 km long, and the lead car should enter the stage at 10.26 am.

Negotiate

Stage three is undoubtedly the most spectacular in the rally, as it threads its way for 5.5 km through Mutla'a ridge, close to the Subiya road. Once again, this is extremely rough, with some very difficult areas to negotiate. This stage commences at 10.50 am.

The fourth stage is Ras

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SPORTS BRIEFS

World bridge

VENICE, Italy, Oct 19, (Reuters): Britain, Denmark and India joined Italy yesterday as quarterfinalists in the World Bridge Olympiad after qualifying from Group B. The line-up for today's sudden-death quarterfinals was Britain v Austria, Italy v Sweden, Denmark v US and India v Greece.

Terry Butcher

ABERDEEN, Scotland, Oct 19, (Reuters): England international defender Terry Butcher will not be charged for allegedly kicking the door of the referee's dressing room after a soccer match. Aberdeen's top law officer said yesterday.

Soviets win

MOSCOW, Oct 19, (Reuters): The Soviet Union beat Austria 2-0 (half-time 0-0) in the World Cup European Group Three qualifying match in Kiev today. Scores: Bulgaria - Hristo Kolev (31st minute), Romania - Dorin Mateuc (25th), Rodion Camataru (79th, 89th).

Poland triumph

CHORZOW, Poland, Oct 19, (Reuters): Poland beat Albania 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in the World Cup European Group Two qualifying match today. Scorer: Krzysztof Warzycha (78th minute).

Bulgaria lose

SOFIA, Oct 19, (Reuters): Romania beat Bulgaria 3-1 (half-time 1-1) in the World Cup European Group One qualifying match here today. Scores: Bulgaria - Hristo Kolev (31st minute), Romania - Dorin Mateuc (25th), Rodion Camataru (79th, 89th).

Tunisia thrashed

DUBLIN, Oct 19, (Reuters): Ireland beat Tunisia 4-0 (half-time 3-0) in the soccer international here today. Scores: Tony Cascarino (27th and 44th mins), John Aldridge (45th), Kevin Sheedy (87th).

Belgian player

BRUSSELS, Oct 19, (Reuters): Belgian international midfielder Leo van der Elst will have to stay with French side Metz after the Belgian Soccer Union blocked a transfer that would have brought him back home, a union spokesman said today.

Dieter Eckstein

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Oct 19, (Reuters): West German international striker Dieter Eckstein signed for Eintracht Frankfurt from Nuremberg yesterday in a transfer deal worth \$1.9 million.